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STARK COUNTY,

OHIO.

CONTAINING

Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens,

TOGETHER WITH BIOGRAPHIES AND PORTRAITS OF ALL THE

Presidents of the United States.

CHICAGO:

CHAPMAN BROS.

1892.

FOREWORD

The original book printed in 1892 had biographies and portraits of the Presidents of the United States from George Washington to Benjamin Harrison. These have been omitted from this reprint. Thus the first page of text is numbered 111.

The members of the Stark County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society have created an every name index. Spouses are indexed under their maiden and married names. After the initial index was created it was reviewed in detail by Ruth Knowles and Norman George who double checked each entry and made sure that both maiden and married names were cross indexed. The index occupies 21 pages with 4 columns on each page and contains over 6,000 listings.

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to Ruth Knowles who died 28 July 1990 at age 81, following an auto-pedestrian accident. She was born in Akron, Ohio and had resided in this area most of her life. She was a graduate of Akron University. She started teaching in the Akron City Schools, taught in the Jackson Township School System and retired from Nelsonville, OH City Schools.

Her husband was Charles R Knowles. They had two daughters: Sarah Knowles Borum, Princeton, WV and Becky Knowles Chait of Portland, OR; and two sons: Charles Richard of Dallas, TX and Robert C Knowles of San Diego, CA; and six grandchildren. At the time of her death she was a resident of Dalton, Ohio. She was a long time member of The Ohio Genealogical Society and the Stark County Chapter. She conducted the initial review of the index of this book.

PREFACE.

THE greatest of English historians, MACAULAY, and one of the most brilliant writers of the present century, has said: "The history of a country is best told in a record of the lives of its people." In conformity with this idea the PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD of this county has been prepared. Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought the county to rank second to none among those comprising this great and noble State, and from their lips have the story of their life struggles. No more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public. In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk in life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of many, very many, who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued "the even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them as Christ said of the woman performing a deed of mercy—"they have done what they could." It tells how that many in the pride and strength of young manhood left the plow and the anvil, the lawyer's office and the counting-room, left every trade and profession, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land. In the life of every man and of every woman is a lesson that should not be lost upon those who follow after.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public records, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written, and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence. In addition to the biographical sketches, portraits of a number of representative citizens are given.

The faces of some, and biographical sketches of many, will be missed in this volume. For this the publishers are not to blame. Not having a proper conception of the work, some refused to give the information necessary to compile a sketch, while others were indifferent. Occasionally some member of the family would oppose the enterprise, and on account of such opposition the support of the interested one would be withheld. In a few instances men could never be found, though repeated calls were made at their residence or place of business.

November, 1892. CHAPMAN BROS.

INTRODUCTORY.

THE time has arrived when it becomes the duty of the people of this county to perpetuate the names of their pioneers, to furnish a record of their early settlement, and relate the story of their progress. The civilization of our day, the enlightenment of the age and the duty that men of the present time owe to their ancestors, to themselves and to their posterity, demand that a record of their lives and deeds should be made. In biographical history is found a power to instruct man by precedent, to enliven the mental faculties, and to waft down the river of time a safe vessel in which the names and actions of the people who contributed to raise this country from its primitive state may be preserved. Surely and rapidly the great and aged men, who in their prime entered the wilderness and claimed the virgin soil as their heritage, are passing to their graves. The number remaining who can relate the incidents of the first days of settlement is becoming small indeed, so that an actual necessity exists for the collection and preservation of events without delay, before all the early settlers are cut down by the scythe of Time.

To be forgotten has been the great dread of mankind from remotest ages. All will be forgotten soon enough, in spite of their best works and the most earnest efforts of their friends to perserve the memory of their lives. The means employed to prevent oblivion and to perpetuate their memory has been in proportion to the amount of intelligence they possessed. The pyramids of Egypt were built to perpetuate the names and deeds of their great rulers. The exhumations made by the archeologists of Egypt from buried Memphis indicate a desire of those people to perpetuate the memory of their achievements. The erection of the great obelisks were for the same purpose. Coming down to a later period, we find the Greeks and Romans erecting mausoleums and monuments, and carving out statues to chronicle their great achievements and carry them down the ages. It is also evident that the Mound-builders, in piling up their great mounds of earth, had but this idea—to leave something to show that they had lived. All these works, though many of them costly in the extreme, give but a faint idea of the lives and characters of those whose memory they were intended to perpetuate, and scarcely anything of the masses of the people that then lived. The great pyramids and some of the obelisks remain objects only of curiosity; the mausoleums, monuments and statues are crumbling into dust.

It was left to modern ages to establish an intelligent, undecaying, immutable method of perpetuating a full history—immutable in that it is almost unlimited in extent and perpetual in its action; and this is through the art of printing.

To the present generation, however, we are indebted for the introduction of the admirable system of local biography. By this system every man, though he has not achieved what the world calls greatness, has the means to perpetuate his life, his history, through the coming ages.

The scythe of Time cuts down all; nothing of the physical man is left. The monument which his children or friends may erect to his memory in the cemetery will crumble into dust and pass away; but his life, his achievements, the work he has accomplished, which otherwise would be forgotten, is perpetuated by a record of this kind.

To preserve the lineaments of our companions we engrave their portraits, for the same reason we collect the attainable facts of their history. Nor do we think it necessary, as we speak only truth of them, to wait until they are dead, or until those who know them are gone: to do this we are ashamed only to publish to the world the history of those whose lives are unworthy of public record.

STARK COUNTY,

OHIO.

HON. JOHN G. WARWICK

BIOGRAPHICAL.

HON. JOHN G. WARWICK. August 16, 1892, was laid to rest the earthly remains of John G. Warwick. This dispensation of Providence called out the most general mourning from the citizens of Massillon, Ohio, among whom he lived, and the public men among whom his work as a Member of Congress took him, and by whom he was greatly respected and beloved. He had attained a national reputation as a statesman and a leader of the Democratic party, and his demise has been the occasion for rehearsing the notable events which received the impetus of his colossal mind and firm, unswerving will. We shall quote largely from the paper published in his place of residence, which is Massillon, upon the occasion of his decease.

John G. Warwick, Representative from the Sixteenth Ohio District, died in his apartments at the Riggs House, Washington, D. C., at twenty minutes past nine o'clock, August 14, the result of a violent attack of dysentery. Tuesday morning, August 2, Mr. Warwick left for New York to attend a directory meeting of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad, and was there seized with the illness which proved fatal. The protracted heat had not yet ceased and to this is mainly due his sorrowful death. He returned late on Wednesday night and repaired to his rooms. It was known in this city that Mr. Warwick had long been a sufferer from stomach troubles, and hence his failure to call for a physician at once was not unnatural. But upon Thursday evening he did summon one, and his estimable wife, who had gone to Atlantic City to escape the heat, hurried to his side, and was thenceforward unremitting in her devotion. He soon succumbed, however, to the dread disease, passing away August 14. He retained consciousness to the last, and his latest words were addressed to his wife.

John George Warwick was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, December 23, 1830. In 1850, he came to this country with his brother, Robert S., who now lives near Elton. After a short stay in Philadelphia, he came to Navarre, and entered an establishment as clerk and book-keeper, but by carefully saving his earnings he was soon afterward enabled to embark in business for himself. He opened a dry-goods store in 1853, and in a short time was recognized as one of the leading merchants and business men of Massillon. By his business ability, industry and integrity, Mr. Warwick acquired considerable wealth, although he possessed nothing more than grit and muscle, coupled with business tact, when he arrived in America, but in a few years he was identified with various enterprises. He became Principal over the Sippo Valley Mills in 1865; afterward he became active in railroad interests and served as a Director in the Massillon & Cleveland, the Wheeling & Lake Erie, and Cleveland & Marietta Railroads.

From the railroad business Mr. Warwick became interested in mines and became one of the most successful coal operators in the State. In 1872, he gave up merchandising and devoted his business talents to outside enterprises in which he was interested. In addition to the other enterprises in which he was engaged, he maintained the supervision of several large farms in this State, aggregating one thousand acres in extent.

Although a consistent and active Democrat, Mr. Warwick declined all overtures to become a candidate until 1883, when he finally accepted the

nomination for Lieutenant-Governor on the ticket with Hon. George Hoadley. He has been a liberal contributor to the legitimate expenses of the Democratic campaigns, and despite the attack made upon him by prejudiced people, professing to represent the labor interests. he was triumphantly elected. He presided as Lieutenant-Governor over the Senate of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly, which elected Hon. Henry Payne to the United States Senate. He discharged the duties devolving upon him as second officer of the State in such a manner as to win the confidence and esteem of his political opponents.

On July 11, 1890, he received the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Sixteenth Ohio District, having as his opponent the Hon. William McKinley. The convention was one of the most memorable in the history of congressional politics, seventy-four ballots being required for a choice, but the result was that our subject was triumphantly elected. His prominence was at once recognized in the House of Representatives, wherein he took the oath of office December 7, 1892. He was made Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, one of the four oldest and most important and arduous committees of that body. He was also selected as a member of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds. Such treatment of a new member was an unusual event, and brought him into the closest intimacy with his colleagues.

With his wife he occupied beautiful rooms at the Riggs House, where his callers were always constant. His attendance upon the sessions of the House were punctilious, except when business called him from the city. He enjoyed his life, and his health seemed much improved. He was alive to every phase of politics and was always a confidant in the most secret of party plans. Everybody liked him and it was often heard that his associates regarded him as much for views that agreed with theirs, as for his bluntness and steadfastness in asserting those which did not. He leaves no speech upon the record, but in the memory of thousands of constituents he will remain as the man who secured them many a pension, or did other service requiring a Representative's aid. In all that pertains to congressional activity, Mr. Warwick was considered a conspicuous success. He was made the member of the National Congressional Committee for Ohio.

He was an earnest advocate of whatever measure he espoused, and worked hard to win support for it. To him is due the passage of the McGarraghan Bill (outrageously vetoed) giving a poor Irishman recourse in court against a band of robbers who for years unjustly held a quicksilver mine.

About twenty-eight years ago (1892), Mr. Warwick was married in Baltimore to Mrs. Maria E. Lavake. Her maiden name was Karthaus and her father was born in Reemsheid, Prussia. On coming to this country, he diligently applied himself to business, and by his own exertions soon became one of the wealthiest ship merchants of the city of Baltimore. He was also identified with the settlement and the business projects of the State of Pennsylvania, and on the east banks of the Susquehanna River there is now a town called by his name, on the same site upon which his enterprise years ago opened a furnace and began a coal business, now in active operation.

In his religious connections, Mr. Warwick was an Episcopalian. In the welfare of Massillon, he always maintained an unceasing interest, and was identified with many of its prominent institutions. He was one of the organizers of the Building & Loan Association and for a time served as President. He was Director of the Massillon Water Company and owned stock in several different coal companies of the city. His son, W. K. L. Warwick, will undoubtedly succeed to his father's business interests. He also is one of the prominent citizens of Massillon and is an important factor in the progress of Stark County.

LEWIS W. GISE. To his skill and handicraft, his knowledge of materials and the modes of usage best adapted to various kinds of buildings, Mr. Gise adds the personal qualities which win the respect and friendship of

those with whom he associates. He was born in Germany, on the Rhine, August 12, 1838, and is a son of John J. Gise, who was also born in that country and was a tailor by trade.

In 1851, the father of our subject with his family emigrated to the United States, making his way directly to Massillon, where he resided until his decease, which occurred in his seventy-sixth year. He was a gentleman who commanded the respect of all his acquaintances and was a devoted member of the St. John's Evangelical Church. His wife, who prior to her marriage was known as Charlotte Becker, was born near Meisenheim, and departed this life in Massillon at the home of our subject. Of the eight children of whom she was the mother, only four are living, of whom Lewis W. is the youngest.

He of whom we write was reared to man's estate in his native country, and in 1851, having determined to try his fortunes in the New World, went to London, England, where he set sail on the vessel "Lizzie Evans," which landed him in New York City, after a voyage of thirty-five days. Young Gise then attended the English school summers and was employed during the other seasons at different lines of work. When reaching his sixteenth year, he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade under Snyder, Mong & Co., with whom he remained for three years, and then, having mastered that business, spent eighteen months as a journeyman, working at his trade. For the two succeeding years, he was in the employ of Russell & Co., at the end of which time he began contracting and building on his own account, in company with his brother. After being thus engaged for two years, he worked for the same length of time for Russell & Co., but since 1865 has been in business alone and does all kinds of contracting in his line and has erected some of the largest and finest buildings in the city, including the Bummerlin Block, the Episcopal parsonage and the residences of Jane R. Dunn, Frank R. Webb, Jonas Lutz and William Russell and the Sailor's Hotel, beside many others. He is the owner of considerable real estate in this vicinity and has a beautiful residence on East Main Street.

Miss Wilhemina Tromp became the wife of our subject in 1858. Mrs. Gise was born in New York State, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of nine children, namely: Louisa, Mrs. Paul Kirchhofer, whose husband is City Treasurer and a druggist; William, who married Flora Beck and is in business with his father; Allie, Mrs. Hiar, of Justus; Edward, who married Josie Ryan and is residing in California; and Carrie, Charles, Frank, Robert, and Minnie, at home.

Mr. Gise has been honored by his election to the position of Alderman of the Fourth Ward, which office he has occupied for five years, and during that time has served on various important committees. He has also been Township Trustee for three years and, socially, is ex-President of the German Pioneer Society and is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In religious matters, he is a Deacon of the St. John's Evangelical Church, to which denomination his wife also belongs. He is a sturdy Democrat in politics, has been sent as a delegate to various conventions and has borne an honorable part in the civic life of his county. He is well known throughout this section, and his many fine qualities of head and heart have placed him high in the regard of his fellow-citizens.

SAMUEL OBERLIN. Many of the most active and enterprising residents of Massillon are natives of Stark County, and have here spent the greater part of their lives. In them we find men of true loyalty to the interests of this part of the State, who understand the needs, social and industrial, of this vicinity and who have a thorough knowledge of its resources. They are, therefore, better adapted to succeed here than a stranger could be, and are probably, without exception, warmly devoted to the prosperity of their native place. It is, therefore, with genuine pleasure we include Mr. Oberlin in this work, for he is not only a native of this county and one of the pioneers, but is a man

whose honesty, uprightness and sociability have won him the esteem and respect of all. Although pretty well along in years now, and retired from the turmoil and worry of life, he is still public-spirited, and is interested in all movements for the improvement and development of the county.

He was born in Tuscarawas Township, this county, in 1818, and comes of good old Pennsylvania stock, his father, Peter Oberlin, and his grandfather, Adam Oberlin, both being natives of that State. The great-grandfather, Frederick Oberlin, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and had six sons, who stood six feet two inches in height, and who were Washington's body-guard during the Revolutionary War. Adam Oberlin brought his family to Ohio in 1811, and made the journey on horseback. He first stopped near Canton and later located in Tuscarawas Township, this county, where he passed the remainder of his days. The father of our subject, Peter Oberlin, was born in Cumberland County, Pa., in 1779, was reared there, and there married Miss Susanna Kramer, a native of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Jacob Kramer, also a native of the Keystone State, where he followed farming. After the birth of two children, Mr. Oberlin and family concluded to move to Ohio, and in 1811 they made the trip to this State in a big four-horse wagon. They resided for one year near Canton, but the following year located in Tuscarawas Township, this county, and opened a fine farm near Massillon, about two hundred acres of Government land. They erected a rude log cabin and began making improvements in true pioneer style. In those days, the pioneers had nothing to help themselves with except their own strong hands and sturdy independence, but they accomplished much and made possible the pleasant homes of to-day. Just before his death, Mr. Oberlin bought a twenty-acre place in the same township. They had one of the old-fashioned families, consisting of ten boys and two girls, eleven of whom grew to mature years.

The immediate subject of this sketch, who was fourth in order of birth of the above-mentioned children, was reared amid pioneer surroundings and he was early inured to hard labor, assisting his father in clearing the farm. He attended school in the pioneer log schoolhouse of that day, with slab seats, etc., and when thirteen years of age, or on the 7th of February, 1831, he came to Massillon. He was employed in the drug store of Mr. Morgan until 1834, when he went to Brookfield and remained until 1838. After this he was at Bolivar until the fall of 1840, and then came to Massillon, where he was engaged in clerking for three years. Later, he was in partnership with Mr. Humberger and Mr. James Harsh, and continued with them until 1857, when the firm dissolved partnership. Our subject then embarked in business for himself, and bought a building at the corner of Erie and Main Streets. He engaged in the dry-goods and grocery business, and went twice a year to New York City for fresh goods. At that early day they were shipped by canal.

In 1882, he sold out his stock and retired from the active duties of life, after spending fifty-one years behind the counter, a longer period than any man in the city can boast of. His pleasant and commodious residence in this city is presided over by his worthy wife, whose maiden name was Mary E. Hofman. She was born in Hagerstown, Md., in 1820, and is the daughter of Prof. John E. and Catherine (Binkley) Hofman, natives of Pennsylvania, and Shenandoah County, Va., respectively. Her paternal grandfather, Rev. James Hofman, was a native of Pennsylvania and of German descent. He was a minister of the German Reformed Church and was one of the pioneer preachers of Ohio, coming here at an early date. He died at Mansfield. The father of Mrs. Oberlin was a man of education and was a well-known and popular educator, teaching school for fifty-two years at Hagerstown, Md. Mrs. Oberlin was reared and educated in the academy at Hagerstown, and after growing up assisted her father in teaching for seven years. Her maternal grandfather's name was Jacob Binkley. To Mr. and Mrs. Oberlin have been born four children, as follows: Mary F., now Mrs. William Yost, of this city; William J., engaged in the insurance business here; Charles E., in the hardware business, and Samuel H., traveling salesman, representing the firm of H. E. Frankenberg, of New York City. Although often urged to accept some official position, Mr. Oberlin has always re-

fused and attended strictly to business. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a charter member of the Encampment. In politics, he is a Republican. His first vote was for William Henry Harrison in 1840, and in 1888 he cast his vote for Benjamin Harrison. He visited the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876. Mrs. Oberlin is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a woman whose womanly virtues are well known and appreciated.

ADAM C. McDOWELL is a retired banker, farmer, and breeder of fine sheep, of Canton, Ohio. The only pure-bred Dickinson Merino sheep in the United States of America is descended pure from the celebrated thoroughbred flock of W. R. Dickinson, of Steubenville, Ohio, who had established and preserved the blood intact for many years of a flock of Merinos that were descended pure from sheep imported from Spain in the year 1802, by Colonel David Humphreys, of Derby, New Haven County, Conn. These sheep were the pride of Mr. Dickinson's heart, and he never parted with any of the ewes during his life, and few of the rams. They were separately kept and distinctly marked with paint and special ear marks, which marks were different from the flock he kept on shares, and the grades in which he dealt extensively.

We boldly assert the fact that there is no individual or committee who can truthfully claim origin for their sheep to the reserve flock of Mr. Dickinson—his own pure Spanish-Merino flock, also his thorough-bred Humphreys Spanish, the ewes of which were never sold during his life-time, for Mr. Dickinson compelled a strict account of these sheep, as Mr. McDowell testifies under oath in this volume.

Therefore any claims to having received from Mr. Dickinson any sheep of this flock would be unqualifiedly false unless attested by certificate of sale and purchase from Mr. Dickinson, stating clearly to whom he had sold and of what flock the sheep were, and so on by transfer to the present time. It is also claimed that there is no one who ever received any of Mr. Dickinson's pure Merino sheep after his death, who kept them pure and free from inferior and base blood, but James McDowell, the father of Adam C., of Canton, Stark County, Ohio.

The record of flocks herein are those descended from his flock, sold under certificate of sale, purchase, blood and pedigree, an accurate account of sale, purchase, breeding, date of birth and death being now kept and filed with the Secretary of the Dickinson Merino Sheep Record Company by the breeders owning sheep, and included in the organization known as the Dickinson Merino Sheep Record Company, organized at Canton, Ohio, June 3, 1884, certificates of record having been issued by the Secretary since that time to all parties forwarding pedigrees tracing within the prescribed rules of record adopted by the company and incorporated in the by-laws of the Record Company.

The sheep herein recorded are of true Spanish origin, and are traced to the purchase and selection of the best two ewe lambs and second best ram lamb of the last crop of lambs bred by W. R. Dickinson, selected with the greatest care by James McDowell (Mr. Dickinson's shepherd) immediately after Mr. Dickinson's death, and being descended from the marked Humphreys flock, and sired by Bolivar, the winner of the silver cup at Baltimore, Md., in 1826. A choice selection of two ewes and ram, imported by Col. Humphreys from Spain, by accurate knowledge was the basis of Mr. Dickinson's founding flock. This family of Merino sheep, brought to this country by a patriot, Col. Humphrey, and preserved by an intelligent and far-seeing breeder, W. R. Dickinson, have been brought to their present high state of perfection by a correct and faithful observance of the laws of pure breeding by James McDowell.

The history and observations of James McDowell, in his life work as a breeder and wool-grower, are best exemplified in the family of Merinos with which the effort of his life has been identified, and which he named in honor of Mr. Dickinson, who gave him his early training, to which experi-

ence he attributes his success at the present day. He has been with them, almost daily, for a period of sixty-four years, ending April 1, 1887, commencing with herding them on the plains of the western part of Stark County, where now homes and small farms meet the eye of the traveler.

The system of breeding and feeding which he has followed, and the long life which Providence has spared to him have, however, given him evident satisfaction, for he has seen the family of Merino sheep of his choice, acquire, by reason of their merits, the ascendancy over all families of Merino sheep in the United States in point of excellence, hardiness, form, fleece, trueness of type and uniformity of breeding. The mutton qualities of this family of sheep being now attained, with the highest degree of purity of blood and production of superior fine Delaine wool, the result becomes at once, upon introduction, the best sheep for the general flockmaster, strengthened by the acknowledged fact of the Humphreys sheep, originally imported, being of the best that the flocks in Spain contained at the time of their importation.

Adam C. McDowell was born in Stark County, Ohio, June 12, 1844, and was the third of eight children born to James and Eliza (Heldenbrand) McDowell, both natives of Pennsylvania. Both of the parents moved to Stark County, Ohio, with their parents when young, and settled with them in Plain Township. After marrying, they settled on a farm and Mr. McDowell made a specialty of sheep-breeding. He became prominently known all over the country in that capacity and was very successful. His death occurred on his farm in 1890, when over eighty-one years of age. He was the owner of two fine farms, one comprising one hundred and sixty acres and the other one hundred and ninety acres, upon which were valuable buildings, sheep-sheds, etc. The land is in a high state of cultivation. The mother was a worthy member of the Lutheran Church, and died in that faith in 1868. She was the daughter of Michael Heldenbrand.

Adam C. McDowell passed the early years of his life on his father's farm and in attending the district school during the winter months. He subsequently entered Mt. Union College, where he pursued his studies for several terms. Returning to the farm, he began tilling the soil. After the death of his brother T. C., who was Cashier of the Farmers' Bank, he removed to Canton and became a Director in the bank, and subsequently Vice-president. He held his interest in the bank until 1891, when he sold out and turned his attention to farming and sheep-breeding, being the owner of a fine farm in Green Township, Summit County, this State. There he is turning his attention to the breeding of fine Merino sheep, which were taken from his father's flock. He also makes a specialty of breeding thoroughbred Jersey cattle.

Mr. McDowell was married to Miss Julia Correll, daughter of Samuel Correll, and they have two children, a daughter and son. The youngest child, Charles Sumner, is a student, and Alice Cary, the eldest, is also attending school. In politics, Mr. McDowell is a Republican. He has a good residence at No. 205 North Cleveland Avenue.

FATHER THOMAS FRANCIS WASHINGTON MAHON, pastor of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Massillon, is a very learned and clever gentleman, and was born at Cleveland, this State, November 27, 1863. His father, Patrick Mahon, was born in County Rosscommon, Ireland, where he followed the combined occupations of a farmer and tailor. About 1860, the elder Mr. Mahon emigrated to the United States and, locating in Cleveland, engaged in the merchant-tailoring business. He is now living a retired life in that city. His wife, the mother of our subject, was Miss Ellen, daughter of James Washington, born in the North of England. Mrs. Mahon, however, like her husband, was born in Ireland. Her father was a cooper by trade, and, after emigrating to this country, died in the Forest City.

Our subject was the fifth in order of birth in the parental family of fourteen children, ten of whom

grew to mature years. He received a good education, his pioneer studies being conducted in the St. Patrick's Parochial School. In 1877, he entered St. Charles' College at Baltimore, where he took a six-years course, and later spent five and one-half years as a student of St. Mary's, at Cleveland. Our subject was ordained, December 18, 1888, by Bishop Gilmore, and his first charge was at Salineville, this State, where he was pastor of St. Patrick's Church for thirteen months. He was then recalled as Assistant to Bishop Gilmore, of St. John's Cathedral in Cleveland, where he remained until the death of that gentleman.

September 1, 1891, Father Mahon was placed in charge of St. Joseph's Church, of Massillon, which was started as a mission in 1851, by Father Campion. The church, which will cost $40,000, is in process of construction on East South Street, and is the finest in the county. It is 60x132 feet in dimensions, with a graceful tower one hundred and eighty feet in height. The building will be furnished in a most elegant manner, and due credit should be given Father Mahon, who has worked industriously to accomplish this end. The congregation numbers twelve hundred members, and is one of the largest in the county.

Our subject, socially, is a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, and is a presiding officer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and is very popular, especially among his own people.

GEORGE STANSBERGER. Many of the honored veterans of the late war, who had scarcely attained manhood when the Rebellion broke out, are now quietly engaged in various industrial occupations. This class is well represented in Stark County by many of its most thrifty and industrious farmers, one of whom is the subject of this biographical sketch. His agricultural interests are centered on section 29, Bethlehem Township, and are in a flourishing condition. Mr. Stansberger is one of the native-born citizens of this State, his place of birth being in Tuscarawas County, and the date thereof July 13, 1840. He is a son of Adam and Mary Stansberger, who were natives of Germany.

The parents of our subject emigrated to the New World prior to their marriage, and were married in Tuscarawas County, this State, where their decease occurred. Our subject was reared amid the pioneer scenes of his native county, receiving but a limited education in the early subscription schools of his boyhood. He can well remember when that part of the country was but little developed, and wild animals roamed at will across the prairies and through the forests. He was in the flush and vigor of early manhood, when, with true patriotism, he enlisted to aid in suppressing the Rebellion, becoming a member of Company K, Fifty-first Ohio Infantry, in October, 1861. With his regiment, he formed a part of Sherman's army, and participated in the important battles of Stone River, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Chickamauga, Resaca, siege of Atlanta and Ringold. He was finally honorably discharged, November 25, 1864, having shown himself at all times and on all occasions a good soldier, who had the interests of his country at heart.

After his three years' hard service in the army, Mr. Stansberger returned to his native State, and January 4, 1865, was married to Miss Nancy Bixler, and by her became the father of four children: John W., Sarah A. E. (Mrs. Marion Truck), Ida May and Cyrus Clifford. Our subject is the proprietor of eighty acres of land inherited by his wife, which his good judgment has placed under excellent cultivation, and the prosperity that he has attained has been brought about by his own labors, as he is practically a self-made man.

Mr. Stansberger has served his township as Road Supervisor for three years, and is always found willing to do anything that will in any way enhance the welfare of his adopted township. He is greatly interested in school affairs, and has served efficiently as Director for some time. His place is among our most useful citizens, and the respect in which he is held by all shows him to be a man of genuine worth. His service in the Union army has been recognized by the Government, which

awarded him a pension of $12 per month. In political relations, he is a believer in the principles of the Republican party. He is a man of excellent habits, who is thoroughly trustworthy, and in him the United Brethren Church finds one of its most zealous members.

DANIEL S. SMITH, one of the wealthy and most prominent farmers in Stark County, has a fine estate in Plain Township, where he is engaged in tilling the soil to good advantage. By the exercise of thrift and prudence in the management of his affairs, by skill and strict attention to his calling, he has placed himself in the front rank among the progressive agriculturists of this section.

A native of this county, our subject was born on section 5, Canton Township, September 12, 1838, and is the son of John J. Smith, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1811. Grandfather Daniel Smith was also a native of the Keystone State, and on coming to this State in a very early day, made the trip over the mountains with wagon and team. His first location was made in Plain Township, on the property now occupied by Eli Smith, his son. He was a hard-working, industrious man, and at his decease left his family a comfortable property. He continued to reside on the farm which he had developed from the wilderness until all his children were grown and established in homes of their own, when he took up his abode east of New Berlin and there passed his last years. He was a very religious man and a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. Politically, he cast a straight Democratic vote, and was always greatly interested in local affairs and gave liberally of his time and means toward the furtherance of all elevating measures.

The father of our subject received his education in the district school, near his home, and being trained to farm pursuits, when starting out on his own account, located on property just north of Canton, where he owned eighty acres of excellent land, which by good judgment and industry he placed under good tillage, and reaped therefrom a competence. Like his father before him, he was a member of the Lutheran Church, and at his death, which occurred in 1865, he was fifty-four years of age. In early life a Whig, he later joined the Republican party, being a strong Abolitionist.

The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Nancy Schriver; she was born in what is now the prosperous city of Canton, and was the daughter of David and Mary Schriver, natives of Pennsylvania, who, on coming to this section in an early day, located in Canton Township, where the father farmed and at the same time operated a distillery. He was a Democrat in politics, and lived to attain a good age, as did also his wife.

He of whom we write was third in order of birth in the parental family of eleven children, two of whom are deceased, Susan and Henry. Those living are Mary A., our subject, Jeremiah, William, Harriet, Orlando, Amanda, Hiram and Emma. The mother of these children is still living at the age of eighty-one years, and makes her home on the old farm, located just outside the corporate limits of the city of Canton. She is a most estimable and worthy lady and a devoted member of the German Reformed Church.

Daniel, of this sketch, was reared on the old homestead and acquired a good practical education in the district school, supplementing the knowledge gained therein by attendance at the schools of Canton. When nineteen years of age, being then ready to earn his own living, he learned the trade of a carpenter, at which he worked by the day for five years. Then enlarging his business so as to combine contracting and building, he was thus engaged for a period of sixteen years, and during that time established a reputation as a skilled and reliable workman throughout the entire county, where are yet standing many buildings which he erected.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Lydia Trump was solemnized October 30, 1865. Mrs. Smith was born in Canton Township, February 3, 1842, and is the daughter of George J. and Rachel (Weaver) Trump, natives of Maryland, who later

removed to this county, where they were ranked among its earliest settlers. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been born a family of five children: Loretta, Elmer, Ora, Ivy and Lester. Our subject located upon his present farm in 1882, and in this locality he is held in high esteem as a loyal citizen, a progressive, public-spirited man, and one who is true to others in all the relations that he sustains towards them. He possesses excellent business qualifications, and as a man of sterling integrity is well known throughout the county.

In the spring of 1864, Mr. Smith enlisted in the Union army and joined Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio Infantry. He was placed on duty in his State, and being taken sick in the latter part of September, returned home, and when fully recuperated the war had come to a close. Mr. Smith is the proprietor of ninety-four acres of land, upon which are all the modern improvements in the way of buildings and machinery. His large frame house is a model of neatness, and the manner in which it is furnished indicates its inmates to be people of refined tastes and ample means. He devotes his time and attention to mixed farming, and has been more than ordinarily successful in all his undertakings. In his political affiliations, he casts a Republican vote during elections, and as one of the representative men of the county, he justly deserves a place in this volume.

ADAM CLAYMEN, Erecting Foreman of the Massillon Bridge Company, is an old and respected citizen of this county, and has aided greatly in its upbuilding and development. He is a native of this county, having been born in Jackson Township, November 15, 1840, and is a son of Henry Claymen, who was born in Prussia, Germany. The father was married in his native country, and emigrating to America in 1832, located in the above-named township, where he was engaged in the combined occupations of farmer and coal miner. He was a Lutheran in religion, and was highly respected in his place of residence.

The mother of our subject, who was also born in Prussia, bore the maiden name of Henrietta Smith. She became the mother of six children, four of whom are living. Two brothers of our subject, Henry and Peter, were soldiers in the late Civil War, being members of Company A, Thirteenth Ohio Infantry. The former died of wounds received during that period, and the latter's death was the result of a spell of fever. Adam Claymen, of this sketch, had the advantages of a district-school education, and when eighteen years of age, was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade under Mong & Snyder, in this city. He remained in their employ for five years, at which time he was engaged by Russell & Co. in their wood department for about seven years.

Having saved a sufficient sum to enable him to start in business on his own account, our subject engaged in the grocery business, after abandoning his trade, in company with a Mr. Williams, and the firm operated successfully under the style of Williams & Claymen for four years. In the spring of 1875, he was engaged by the Massillon Bridge Company as Erecting Foreman, and has been in their employ ever since, with the exception of eighteen months spent with King Brothers' Bridge Company, of Cleveland. He has erected bridges in Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts. Mr. Claymen is a man of superior intelligence and force of character, and one who is the happy possessor also of that energy that seems somehow to be the magic wand that transforms a poor beginning into a most flattering end. He has been largely instrumental in the upbuilding of this city, and every day furnishes us examples of the wonderful results that industry and natural ability can accomplish.

September 18, 1856, our subject and Miss Emeline F. Williams were united in marriage. Mrs. Claymen is the daughter of Eli Williams, and the granddaughter of Robert Williams, who was born in London, England, and came to America in an early day. He was an attorney near New Philadelphia,

Ohio, where his death occurred. The father of Mrs. Claymen was a butcher by trade, and departed this life on a farm which he owned in Jackson Township, this county. The maiden name of his wife was Frances Sprankle, the daughter of John Sprankle, of Pennsylvania, and an early settler in Jackson Township, where he operated a saw and grist mill. Mrs. Williams was the elder of two children in her parents' family, and died in this county a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is a stanch Republican, in politics, and his home, though modest, is an abode of comfort and a center from which pleasing influences extend.

JOHN C. SHAFER. Perhaps no better example of pluck and perseverance could readily be found in Stark County, than is afforded in the life of Mr. Shafer. He commenced the battle of life without assistance, and by dint of innate ability, determination, and an honorable life, has become one of the leading and influential citizens of Plain Township and the possessor of a valuable estate, which the visitor to his home will see is in thorough tillage and furnished with various improvements, which add to the value of the land and increase the comfort of those who occupy it.

Born in Lancaster County, Pa., April 11, 1831, our subject is a son of Jacob Shafer, who was also a native of that county, his birth occurring in 1793. The grandfather, who bore the name of John, was of German descent and died in middle life. He was a farmer by occupation and served as a soldier in the War of 1812. Jacob Shafer was reared by his worthy father to the pursuit of an agriculturist, and, when moving to this State in 1832, was accompanied on his journey over the mountains by his wife and six children. Locating in Jackson Township, he there rented land for five years, and finally purchasing a small place of his own, resided on it until 1855, when he made his home with our subject, where the decease of his wife occurred. He then took up his abode with his daughter, Mrs. Rice, of Perry Township, where he spent his last days, dying at the advanced age of eighty years. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and as a man of excellent habits was respected by the entire community. In his political relations, he always cast a Democratic vote.

Mrs. Sarah (Connell) Shafer, the mother of our subject, was a native of Ireland, having been born in Dublin, and emigrated to America with her parents when six years of age. Locating with them in the Keystone State, she there met and married Jacob Shafer and became the mother of seven children, of whom those deceased are Mary A., Harriet, David J. and Eliza. Those living are Martin W., John C. and Sarah A. Mrs. Shafer was an active member of the German Reformed Church, and died in April, 1859, when fifty-seven years of age.

The original of this sketch was an infant of one year when he was brought by his parents to this county, and when old enough to do so attended school in the primitive log cabin. The privileges offered at that period were not equal to those at the present day, but he took advantage of the opportunities given him in the acquirement of knowledge, attending school mostly during the winter months. His father being in limited circumstances, he was obliged to do for himself at the early age of fifteen years, and for two years was engaged by one man, receiving the first year $1.50 per month, and the second year double that sum. At the expiration of that time, he learned the trade of a shoemaker, which business he prosecuted during the winter, and was employed on the farm in the summer season.

The marriage of Mr. Shafer with Miss Eliza Smith was solemnized April 28, 1858. The lady, who was born in this township, December 28, 1837, bore him two children, Harvey, who is deceased, and Mary L. He rented land for a year after his marriage and then, following his trade for ten years in succession, saved a sufficient sum to purchase his present farm, of which he became the owner in 1873. It contains fifty-five acres, and is as fine and well-cultivated a farm as may be found in the neighborhood. He has greatly increased

its value since it came into his possession by erecting thereon a good set of neatly-arranged farm buildings, and otherwise improving it. He was engaged in farming and stock-raising up to the past few years, since which time his son-in-law has carried on its operations. He has a neat frame house on the place and a large barn, which gives ample room in which to store large quantities of grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Shafer are active members of the German Reformed Church and take a part in all that tends to increase the material prosperity and personal welfare of all about them. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and has held the office of Township Assessor. He has been a member of the School Board for six years and is a bright, wide-awake man, endowed with fine traits of character, which have won for him the confidence of all about him.

CAPT. WILLIAM CASTLEMAN. Among the many prominent, enterprising and successful business men of Stark County, Ohio, whose biography it is a pleasure to give among the honored ones of this locality, is the worthy gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is actively engaged in the lumber business at the present time, is prompt and energetic in all his business transactions and is respected alike for his business and social standing. A native of Kendall, Ohio, Mr. Castleman was born on the 22d of February, 1827, and comes of good old German stock.

His immediate progenitor, John Castleman, was a native of the Keystone State, born in Little Marsh, and although reared to the arduous duties of the farm, he did not adopt farming as his chosen calling, but, instead, learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade under Mr. Patton. When a young man, he came to Ohio, located first in Carroll County, and about 1812 or 1813 he located in Kendall, where he followed his trade, assisting in building warehouses, stores, boats, etc. He was one of the industrious citizens of the county and was actively engaged in his business until his death in 1846, when fifty-four years of age. He married Miss Margaret Meek, a native of Maryland, and the daughter of Robert Meek, who came to Ohio at an early date and settled in this county. Later, Mr. Meek moved to Bristol, and from there to Medina, where he passed the remainder of his days. Mrs. Castleman made her home with her son, the subject of this sketch, until her death, which occurred in Massillon in 1876, when about seventy-four years of age. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Castleman had two brothers in the Indian Wars.

The original of this notice was the fifth in order of birth of nine children, seven of whom grew to mature years, and one beside our subject is now living, George, who made his home in Massillon until 1892, when he moved onto a farm near Aurora, Portage County, Ohio. Our subject's early life did not differ materially from that of the average pioneer boy, who is expected to contribute to his own support as soon as he becomes physically able to perform any kind of manual labor, and the most important part of whose education is supposed to be his industrial training. While his facilities for obtaining an education were somewhat limited, he attended school, taught in the rude log cabin of pioneer days, with reasonable regularity a portion of each year, and at an early age worked at the carpenter's trade with his father.

When nineteen years of age, he went on the Ohio Canal as bowsman for three months, and he afterward purchased a canal boat, the "Saratoga," and was engaged in carrying wheat and flour between Massillon and Cleveland. A number of years later, he built a new boat, the "Rowena," and sold the "Saratoga," afterward trading the latter for an old boat which he ran for one year. He then built a new one, the "Massillon," but was not satisfied with this and purchased another one, almost new, and named it the "Massillon Mills." This he ran for several years, and afterward became owner of the "Acadia" and the "Baltic," also the "Albany." After remaining on the canal for nineteen years, he sold out, in 1865, and embarked in the lumber business in Massillon. This he has continued ever since, and for

two years was with H. K. Dickey. After the death of the latter, our subject purchased his interest. He carries a complete stock of general lumber and building material, and has an extensive business. His large yard is located at the corner of Oak and Canal Streets, and is 144x150 feet in dimensions. Mr. Castleman is the oldest lumber dealer in the city, and has won an excellent reputation as a business man, as well as citizen. He has a good residence at No. 260 East Main Street, and formerly owned considerable real estate.

He was married in Massillon in September, 1885, to Miss Elizabeth Howald, a native of Switzerland, who came here when a child with her parents. Her father died here in 1885. Mr. Castleman was Township Trustee for two terms and has held other local positions. He is a stanch supporter of Republican principles. He is one of the oldest settlers in the city, and has seen all the improvements made in it during the last quarter of a century. He was very successful on the canal and had very few accidents, taking into consideration the length of time he was Captain.

ESQUIRE ABRAM BOWMAN. In the death of this gentleman, the citizenship of Stark County suffered a loss. During his residence here, he won a high place among the most skillful and enterprising farmers and stock-raisers who were instrumental in developing Tuscarawas Township, and the farm which he improved by unremitting toil is one of the best in the place.

Mr. Abram Bowman was born December 15, 1813, in Pennsylvania, and was the son of Abraham and Barbara (Hershey) Bowman, also natives of the Keystone State. He grew to manhood in his native State, and was educated in the subscription schools of that period, and later added to the knowledge gained therein by reading and observation. He taught school for a number of years after coming to this country, and was a man possessing a large fund of practical information.

Mr. Bowman owed much of his prosperity to the fact that in his marriage with Miss Susanna Kohr, December 27, 1838, he secured a wife who was devoted to his interests, and was in every sense a helpmate. Mrs. Bowman survives her husband, and is ably managing the valuable estate that is left her. She is possessed of much business capacity, is endowed with a clear head, and understands well how to care for her interests so as to produce the best results. She was born in Washington, Md., June 13, 1815, and is the daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Thomas) Kohr, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. She was only two years of age when she was brought by her parents to this county, they making location on an uncultivated tract of land in the woods of Tuscarawas Township. Her education was such as was offered by the schools of Ohio in her youth, and here she grew to mature years and married our subject.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bowman was granted a family of eight children, seven of whom are living, namely: Mary, the wife of E. H. Pocock; John, Samuel B., Benjamin, Abram H., Susan C., and Charles. Jacob, who was the eldest of the family, is deceased. After his marriage, our subject located in Tuscarawas Township, where he was residing at the time of his decease, which occurred March 10, 1885. He was a man of fine mental endowments, of strong character, and possessed an indomitable will, and more than ordinary business talent. These traits made him a leader, not only in his calling, but in politics and the civil life of his adopted county. He was an active member of the Republican party and was called upon by his fellow-townsmen to serve in the responsible office of Justice of the Peace, which he filled with entire satistion to all concerned.

In religious affairs, Mr. Bowman was an influential member of the United Brethren Church, which body he served as Class-leader, Steward and Trustee. During his life he was interested in all measures for the promotion of his section, and was always found to be obliging and courteous, and was popular with all classes. The estate, which fell to his wife, contains ninety-seven acres of finely-cultivated land, which stand as a monument to his efficiency in business affairs.

Wm C. Grant

WILLIAM C. GRANT. It is not ease but effort that makes the noblest men. There is perhaps no station in life where difficulties do not have to be encountered and obstacles overcome. The early citizens of Stark County had many obstacles to vanquish in settling up a new country, for the land was uncultivated, and the surrounding expanse bleak and inhospitable. With every passing year, the standard of civilization has been raised, and through the efforts of the steady pioneers the county has attained a proud position among others in the State of Ohio.

Our subject, who is at present residing in Bethlehem Township, was born February 23, 1818, to Joseph and Martha (Crawford) Grant, natives of Pennsylvania. William C. was the eldest in the family, and remained until sixteen years of age in Washington County, Pa., where he received his education in the early subscription school. In 1833, in company with his parents, he emigrated to this State and located in Sugar Creek Township, this county, where the family was ranked among its earliest settlers. Here the father improved a good farm, which he resided upon until his decease in 1864. The family was a large one, those living being our subject, Joseph, Edward M., John A., Jesse, Alonzo T., Rebecca and Melissa D. Those deceased were Jeremiah, Keziah, and Cassandra Jane, Mrs. McGir.

After reaching his majority, young Grant went to Taylorsville, this State, and was engaged there for a short time in the grocery business. Later, returning to this county, he was engaged as clerk with the mercantile firm of H. & D. Allman, of Navarre, with whom he remained for a twelvemonth. At the expiration of that time, he began buying and shipping cattle, which at first he drove on foot to Pittsburgh. Later, however, as he began buying in larger quantities, he drove the animals across the mountains to market in Eastern Pennsylvania. He was employed in this line of work for some fifteen years, during ten of which he was in partnership with a younger brother, Jeremiah.

In April, 1850, Miss Ruth Johnson, who was born March 8, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio, became the wife of our subject. Four of the six children born to them are living, namely: James J., an attorney at Canton, this State; Edward L.; Horace S., a physician and surgeon of Crescent City, Cal.; and Venzo, a student in Harvard University. After his marriage, Mr. Grant began life on a farm in his township, and owes his pleasant and prosperous condition solely to his own persistent labors. He invested his money judiciously, and now owns a fine property, including four hundred and sixty-five acres of valuable land in this township, three hundred and eighty acres of land in Knox County, and four hundred and eighty acres in Eaton County, Mich., as well as a lot in Lansing.

In his career our subject has shown himself to be possessed in a marked degree of those faculties that are requisite to success—sagacity, far-reaching forethought and practical tenacity of purpose. Underlying all these traits are those of high principles, that have gained him the confidence of his fellow-citizens. He is a Republican in his political relations, and an active worker in this party.

Mrs. Grant is a daughter of James and Mary Johnson, of Wayne County, this State. Her brothers bore the names of Sinclair W., William W. and Isaac, the two latter being deceased. She is a consistent Christian woman and a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Grant, whose portrait appears on the accompanying page, has done much toward the upbuilding of this county, and is recognized as a valuable acquisition to its citizenship. He is prompt and methodical in his business habits, possesses good financial talent and tact in the management of affairs, and is without doubt one of the wealthiest men in the county.

JOHN H. DWYER. Conspicuous among the representative citizens of Stark County, Ohio, now prominent in their different callings, none have been more successful or displayed more good judgment in the management of their affairs than the gentleman whose name is mentioned above. Although formerly a

very prominent agriculturist of the county, and a man whose good sense on all matters relating to the farm was recognized by all, he is at present an active member of the Empire Clay Company.

Mr. Dwyer claims Michigan as his native State and was born near Dexter, Washtenaw County, on the 15th of September, 1842. He is of Irish parentage, his parents, James and Mary (Bahan) Dwyer, being natives of that country. Like many others of that much down-trodden race, the elder Mr. Dwyer's day dream was for liberty and the right to cope with his fellow-men on an equal footing in the battle of life, and as a consequence, when seventeen years of age, he emigrated to the "land of the free." The mother was but seven years of age when she emigrated with her parents to America and settled with them in Michigan. After marriage, the parents of our subject moved to La Porte County, Ind., and there made their home for many years. There the father's death occurred in 1860.

The original of this notice was fifth in order of birth of a large family, and it fell on him to assist his mother in taking care of the younger children, after the death of the father. In 1869, he went to South Bend, Ind., and when twenty-eight years of age was married there, on the 7th of May, 1872, to Catherine L. Maudru, a native of Stark County, Ohio, born October 13, 1845, but who was residing in South Bend at the time of her marriage. Our subject made his home in South Bend until 1878, after which he went to Poweshiek County, Iowa, and bought eighty acres of wild land. This he immediately began improving and here he continued to reside for twelve years. On the 1st of April, 1890, he left the farm, although he still owns it, and moved to Louisville, where he became the fourth partner in his present business. He is wide-awake and enterprising and one of the foremost men of the county.

His marriage was blessed by the birth of seven children, viz: Mary A., born April 24, 1875, at South Bend, Ind.; John Joseph, born in South Bend, Ind., on the 21st of March, 1876; Florence, born in Poweshiek County, Iowa, March 4, 1879; Charles, born in the same county, December 27, 1882; James, born in that county in 1885; Lewis, born in the same county, November 27, 1887; and Rosetta, born in Louisville, Ohio, on the 22d of June, 1891. The subject of this sketch is a member of the Holy Catholic Church and was confirmed at the age of seventeen. His two eldest children have also been confirmed. Mr. Dwyer is a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, and he is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

JOHN REED POYSER, one of Canton's successful business men and a representative of an honored pioneer family of Stark County, was born on a farm in Sugar Creek Township, December 9, 1825. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Poyser, was a native of Pennsylvania, but was of French, Irish and German extraction. The Poyser family is of French origin, and on the maternal side our subject is of Irish descent, his grandmother being a native of the Emerald Isle. Joseph Poyser, Sr., settled in Stark County, Ohio, in 1809, becoming one of its early pioneers. Indians were still quite numerous in the neighborhood at that time, and the work of civilization seemed scarcely begun.

Joseph Poyser, Jr., who was born in Fayette County, Pa., in 1798, came to this county with his father. Under the parental roof he attained to manhood, and afterward married Miss Mattie Reed, of Sugar Creek Township, daughter of Jacob Reed, who with his family came to Stark County in 1811, from Fayette County, Pa. After his marriage, Joseph Poyser settled in Sugar Creek Township, where he cleared and developed a farm, enduring all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. There he remained until 1833, when he removed to Canton Township, but after a few years he returned to Sugar Creek Township. He carried on general farming and stock-raising throughout his entire life. His death occurred March 20, 1877, in his eightieth year. His wife died November 20, 1878, when seventy-eight years of age. She was

a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Poyser held membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics, he was a Whig. They were the parents of four sons and nine daughters, eleven of whom grew to mature years, were married and had families, and seven are still living at this writing.

Our subject is the eldest son and third child in the family. In the usual manner of farmer lads the days of his boyhood and youth were passed, and when twenty years of age, he came to Canton to learn the carpenter's trade, serving a three-years apprenticeship with John B. Hoover. He afterward entered the employ of Peter Myers, a skilled mechanic and a well-known contractor, with whom he remained until 1853. He then began building and contracting on his own account, and formed a partnership with James Campbell in 1867. He has erected many of the principal buildings in the county, including the Stark County Court House, the County Jail, two of the leading churches of Canton, the Buckeye Works, the former works of Elbell & Gilliam, the Malleable Iron Works, and many of the principal stores of Canton. He is now superintending the erection of the United States Postoffice building at Canton.

On the 28th of October, 1852, Mr. Poyser wedded Miss Mary Mellen, daughter of Patrick Mellen, of this city. She is a native of New Jersey, and when a child came to Stark County with her parents. Four children were born of this union, two of whom are yet living: William J., Secretary of the Bucher & Gibbs Plow Company, and J. Ella, at home. The family have a pleasant and commodious residence at No. 132 South Cleveland Avenue. They have many friends in the community and rank high in social circles. In politics, Mr. Poyser is a stalwart Republican, and has served two terms as a member of the City Council. In connection with his other business interests, he and his son carried on a lumber yard and were among the principal lumber dealers of Canton from 1881 until 1891, when he sold out. He is now the largest stockholder, with one exception, in the Bucher & Gibbs Plow Company. Quietly reared as a farmer boy, he determined, however, to engage in some other pursuit than that of agriculture, and that his choice of a business was a wise one has been fully proved by the excellent success which has crowned his efforts. He is now one of Canton's leading business men. He has been the architect of his own fortune and has built wisely and well.

HON. ROBERT BELL, ex-Mine Inspector, Massillon, Ohio. England numbers many representatives among the best class of citizens of Ohio. There is a sterling quality about the nationality that fits them for almost any occupation, and we, as Americans, are greatly indebted to settlers of English birth for the rapid advancement made in our civilization. He whose name is at the head of this sketch, and who is one of the representative men of Massillon, was born in Everton, a suburb of Liverpool, on the 2d of January, 1832. His father, Robinson Bell, was born in Cumberland, England, and was a cabinet-maker and joiner by trade, following the same in Liverpool until his death. The latter's wife, whose maiden name was Martha Maxwell, was also a native of Liverpool, England. Her father, John Maxwell, was a ship-carpenter and boat-builder. He was of Scotch descent, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bell was a member of the Church of England.

Robert Bell was the youngest of four children, three of whom reached mature years, but only one of whom beside our subject is now living, John Bell, who is a saddler by trade, and who is in Australia. Another son, William, was drowned in the river at Quebec. Our subject was left an orphan at five years, and went to Cumberland, where he made his home with some of his father's folks. He had no educational advantages but what he received at Sunday-school, and he is a self-made man in every sense of that term. When nine years of age, he began working in the coal mines at Whitehaven, and received sixpence a day for his services. He gradually rose to be driver, then miner, and was thus

engaged until 1867. At that date, he determined to emigrate to America, and took passage at Liverpool, England, on the steamer "England," and set foot upon United States soil eighteen days later.

Previous to coming to this continent, or in 1857, he married Miss Catherine Norman, a native of Merryport, England, born in 1828, and the daughter of Peter Norman, whose birth occurred in Cumberland, where he was engaged in farming. He died when Mrs. Bell was quite young. His wife's maiden name was Nancy Tear, and she was born on the Isle of Man. Her father's name was Nicholas Tear, and he was a farmer. After reaching the Land of the Free, our subject settled in Cambridge, Guernsey County, Ohio, where he was employed in the mines a short time. He subsequently found out that he could make better wages at Plymouth, Pa., and he removed there a few months later. From there he moved to Western Pennsylvania, and while there his wife and four children joined him. In the year 1871, they came to Mineral Ridge, Trumbull County, Ohio, and Mr. Bell mined both coal and iron until 1876, when he moved with his family to Stark County, Ohio. He was employed in the Old Pigeon Run Mines for about three years, after which, or in 1880, he purchased his present property. He located here in March, and started a grocery and provision store, which he carried on successfully until some time after he was appointed Mine Inspector. Mrs. Bell carried on the store for about eighteen months, and then closed out. In June, 1886, Mr. Bell was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. A. King, Mine Inspector, by Gov. Foraker, filled that position for eleven months, and was then reappointed by the same Governor in 1887, for three years. In 1888, the law was changed and it threw out all the inspectors, but Mr. Bell was reappointed for three years. He served until August 11, 1890, when he resigned his position and retired. He was Inspector for eight counties, Stark, Wayne, Summit, Portage, Trumbull, Mahoning, Medina and Columbiana. It took all his spare time to watch the mines, and he was a most efficient and capable man for that position.

Mr. Bell is the owner of two fine residences in Massillon, and a pleasant home on Warwick Street. His marriage was blessed by the birth of four children: Margaret A. married a Mr. Watkins, and resides in Chapman. Robinson worked in the mines until nineteen years of age, and then entered the Western Reserve College, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. He has a large practice in Cleveland, and is now Coroner of Cuyahoga County. John is a boiler-maker for Russell & Co., and William died when one year and three months old, shortly after coming to this country. Mr. Bell was a member of the City Council from the Second Ward for two years, and for three years was a member of the City Board of Equalization. He is a Republican in politics, and was a candidate for the nomination of Representative. He is past officer of the Sons of St. George, an exclusively English society. He is a Knight Templar in the Masonic fraternity, as are also his two sons. Mrs. Bell is a member of the Episcopal Church.

JOHN HAMMER is a self-made man and prominent citizen of Canal Fulton. His life record is as follows: A native of Germany, he was born in Bavaria, September 27, 1834, and is the only son of Dominick and Catherine (Mallone) Hammer, who were also natives of Bavaria. The family contained but one other child, a daughter. In 1840, the father emigrated to America with his wife and children, and on reaching this country came direct to Stark County, Ohio. He made a location in Lawrence Township, about two miles east of Canal Fulton, and there resided until his death, which occurred at the age of forty-five years. His wife survived him some time and died in her seventy-ninth year.

Our subject has resided in Stark County since he was a lad of six summers. His education was begun in the district schools of Lawrence Township. His father died when he was only thirteen years of age, and being the only son, the care of the farm devolved upon his young shoulders. He early dis-

played excellent business ability, and with the aid of his mother admirably managed affairs. After attaining to mature years, he secured as a companion and helpmate on life's journey Miss Mary Dunn, daughter of George and Catherine Dunn. She was born in Zanesville, Ohio, February 7, 1844, and their union was celebrated April 3, 1864.

After his marriage, Mr. Hammer sold the old homestead and purchased the farm upon which he resided for eight years. He gave some attention to general farming, but made a specialty of stock-dealing. On selling his second farm, he bought another tract of land in the same township, residing thereon until 1873, when he sold out and came to Canal Fulton. Purchasing a farm of Mike Ruck, adjoining the city limits, he has since engaged in agricultural pursuits and in buying and selling stock. In connection with this, he has aided greatly in the improvement of Canal Fulton by his extensive building operations. Since 1876, he has probably erected more buildings in that place than any other of its citizens. He also erected his fine two-story brick residence, his present home, and is the owner of some town lots in Wichita, Kan.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hammer have been born nine children, five of whom are yet living: E. J., who was born February 13, 1872, was graduated from the High School of Canal Fulton and from the Business College of Cleveland, and is book-keeper in the Tool Works of this city. The younger children are William H., born in 1874; Martha E., July 27, 1877; Felix S., in 1879, and Purcell L., July 26, 1887. Those deceased were Catherine A., who died January 20, 1871; Mary A., who died on the same day; William A., whose death occurred on the 24th of January, 1871, and Mary A., who died August 26, 1882.

Mr. Hammer is still the owner of his valuable farm of seventy acres adjacent to Canal Fulton, where he has made his home since 1873. He has devoted his attention chiefly to stock-dealing, and as the result of his industry, good management and business ability, he has accumulated a handsome competence, his career being pre-eminently a successful one. He votes with the Democratic party on questions of national importance, but at local elections suppports the man whom he thinks best qualified for the office, regardless of party affiliations. He served as Alderman of Canal Fulton for four years and proved an able officer. Himself and wife are members of the Catholic Church. Dependent upon his own resources from early boyhood, he has steadily worked his way upward to a position of affluence, and is numbered among the influential citizens of Canal Fulton.

ROBERT S. SHIELDS, ex-United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and ex-Prosecuting Attorney of Stark County, is a native of New Jersey. Washington, Warren County, was the place of his birth, which occurred on the 28th of September, 1845. He is a son of William and Anna (Hance) Shields. After a preparatory course of study in the seminary at Allentown, Pa., he became a student in Union College, of Schenectady, N. Y., and was graduated from that institution in 1867.

Selecting the legal profession as a life work, Mr. Shields entered the law office of E. W. Stoughton, in New York City, under whose direction he prosecuted his studies for about eighteen months. At the expiration of that time, he removed to Ohio and completed his legal course of training in the office of his uncle, Judge Joseph Hance, of New Philadelphia, after which he was admitted to the Bar in Cadiz, Ohio, in 1870. He was now prepared to enter upon practice, and, making a location in Canton, he here opened an office and has successfully followed his profession for more than twenty years.

In December, 1871, Mr. Shields was united in marriage with Miss Clara A. Wikidal, born September 28, 1845, daughter of Martin Wikidal, an old and successful merchant of Canton and one of its most prominent citizens.

In the spring of the same year, our subject was honored by an election to the office of Mayor of Canton, being chosen to occupy the position for

four years. He was elected on the Democratic ticket and of that party is a stanch advocate. He faithfully and promptly performed his duties and won the commendation of all concerned. In October, 1875, he was nominated and elected as Prosecuting Attorney for Stark County for a term of two years and entered upon the duties of that office January 1, 1876, and was again elected for two years thereafter to the same office. In 1885, he was appointed United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio by President Cleveland.

Mr. Shields is a modest, unassuming man, but though not disposed to talk much of himself, his friends speak of him in high terms. He has won for himself an enviable place at the Stark County Bar and is recognized as a prominent lawyer, well versed in his profession and a successful legal practitioner.

DR. JAMES E. DOUGHERTY, of Canton, is a native of the Keystone State. He was born in Beaver County, March 13, 1820, and is the eldest child and only son in a family of four children, whose parents were John and Elizabeth (Crail) Dougherty, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born in Franklin County, December 3, 1796. The mother was born on the 25th of June, 1801, and was a daughter of John Crail, Esq., a Revolutionary soldier. James Dougherty, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Ireland, the Crail ancestors coming from the Isle of Man. The mother of our subject died in her twenty-sixth year, and the father passed away in Richmond, Ohio, March 20, 1831.

James E. Dougherty, whose name heads this record, attended the common schools of Jefferson County, Ohio, and afterward was a student in the classical institute of Richmond, where he spent two years and a half. He then engaged in teaching at intervals, and also took up the study of medicine with Dr. E. M. Pyle, of Richmond, after which he attended the Cleveland Medical College. The succeeding five years of his life were passed in Beaver County, Pa., after which he located in Jefferson County, Ohio. In 1849, he took up his residence in Greentown, Stark County, where he continued in the active practice of medicine for thirty-six years. In the prosecution of his chosen profession he was quite successful, his skill and ability winning him a large and lucrative practice and gaining for him a wide reputation.

The Doctor has been twice married. He first wedded Miss Phœbe L. Thompson, of Carroll County, Ohio, daughter of William R. Thompson. Their union was celebrated April 11, 1844. At her death she left one son, William T., who is now connected with the iron business in Newcastle, Pa. On the 27th of September, 1849, Dr. Dougherty wedded Miss Angeline, daughter of Thomas Gorgus of Greentown, Ohio, and a native of Lancaster, County, Pa. By this marriage, eight children have been born, four sons and four daughters, of whom three sons and one daughter are yet living. Charles A. is a graduate of a dental college; Louis was graduated from the Cleveland Medical College, and is engaged in practice in Greentown; James E., who was a teacher for some years, died in 1888; John F. graduated from the dental college of Philadelphia; Mary E. is Deputy Recorder of Stark County; Sarah A. became the wife of Martin A. Mattice and died in 1891; Maggie died at the age of seven years; and one daughter died in infancy.

During the late war, Dr. Dougherty enlisted in May, 1864, and became Lieutenant-Colonel of the One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio National Guards, which were called out for one hundred days' service and sent to Covington, Ky., doing garrison duty at that place most of the time. In politics, he has been a stalwart Republican since the organization of the party, and has been honored with several official positions. In 1885, he was elected County Recorder and came to Canton in December, to take charge of the office for a term of three years. He won the election by a majority of sixteen, and so faithfully did he perform his duties that he was re-nominated in 1888, and at the second election won the victory by a majority of six hundred and seventy-one, run-

ning one thousand ahead of his ticket. Since retiring from the Recorder's office, he has spent the most of his time looking after his general business and practically lives a retired life.

Socially, the Doctor is a member of Canton Lodge No. 60, A. F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter No. 84, R. A. M., serving two years as High Priest; Hadassah Lodge No. 350, I. O. O. F., of Greentown, and Canton Post No. 25, G. A. R. He was Secretary of the Lake Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company from 1877 until 1885, when he resigned the position. Himself and wife are consistent members and active workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is one of the teachers in the Sunday-school. Their home is situated at No. 118 South Cleveland Avenue, and is a large frame residence built in modern style and finished and furnished very tastefully. The Doctor has long been identified with the history of Stark County, and whether in public or in private business, his life has been upright and honorable, winning him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

WILLIAM W. STANSBURY, who is over eighty years of age, is one of the oldest living pioneers of Stark County and is one of those who, by steady industry, wise management and just dealing, have secured to themselves an honorable reputation and a fair share of this world's goods. He is at present residing on a good estate in Tuscarawas Township, and although when he began the battle of life as an agriculturist he had not much money, he now owns one hundred and ten acres of well-improved land, together with a number of domestic animals and all the farming conveniences which properly accompany a good estate.

A native of Maryland, our subject was born April 20, 1807, and is the son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Ake) Stansbury, who, it is thought, were also natives of Maryland. His ancestors on the paternal side were of English descent, while his mother was descended from German stock. William W. of this sketch had been a resident of his native State four years when he was brought by his parents to Ohio, they locating for a time in Jefferson County where they were classed among the old and respected pioneers. His father died a few years after coming hither, but his mother lived to attain the advanced age of ninety-six years and departed this life at the home of our subject.

He whose name introduces this sketch acquired his education in a temple of learning which had but one window, and which was furnished in a most primitive fashion. However, he was able to acquire a practical knowledge, and when old enough to start out in life on his own responsibility, learned the trades of painting and chair-making, which occupations he followed for several years with signal success. The lady to whom he was married May 8, 1828, was Miss Elizabeth Armstrong; she was born in Lancaster County, Pa., August 5, 1811, and was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (McKinley) Armstrong, the former of whom was a native of Ireland and emigrated to America when a young man of nineteen years. Her mother, however, was born in Harrisburg, Pa. Benjamin Armstrong, the paternal uncle of Mrs. Stansbury, was a soldier in the War of 1812, in which struggle he lost a limb.

Mrs. Stansbury was three or four years of age when brought by her parents to Jefferson County, this State, where she was given a good education and met and married our subject. Their union has been blessed by the birth of a family of eleven children, of whom nine are living, namely: John, Josiah, Joshua, Jacob W., Tishe, Joseph, Absalom; Alice, Mrs. Reuben J. Birchfield; and Mahala, the wife of Daniel J. Wilhelm. In 1828, our subject came with his family to Stark County and settled in a rude log cabin in the woods of Tuscarawas Township, and since that time has noted carefully the many wonderful changes that have taken place in this region. He has had a hand in bringing about this great transformation from a wilderness to a finely developed farming country, and owns a good farm, which is exceedingly well cultivated and improved. When he came here, the surround-

ing country was wild and sparsely settled and many wild animals, especially wolves and deer, roamed where now we see fine farms and thriving villages. Mr. Stansbury has a keen remembrance of those days and has a large store of pioneer incidents and lore, and talks very interestingly concerning the manner of living of the early settlers.

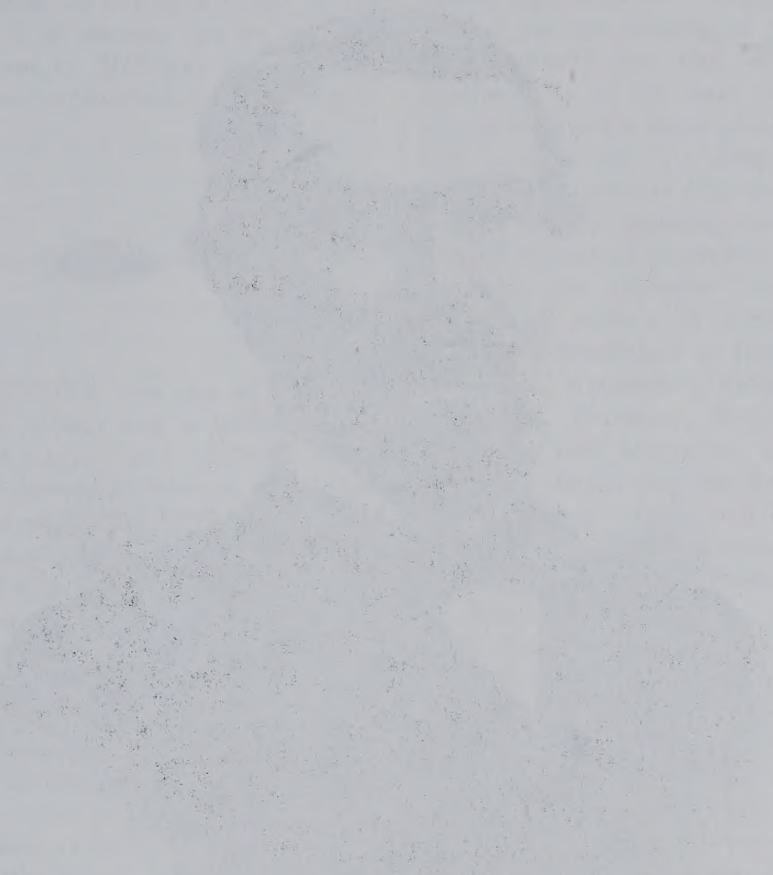
Our subject has an intelligent conception of his duties of a citizen and has held various local offices with credit, among which was that of Township Trustee. He affiliates with the Republican party in politics and among his fellow-citizens bears the reputation of an industrious and honest man, one who in his domestic relations is affectionate and considerate. He and his good wife have just celebrated their sixty-fourth anniversary of married life and are now living in the enjoyment of the fruits of early years of toil and economy. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are widely and favorably known throughout the county.

D. L. McILRAVY, M. D. The medical profession is represented in this county by a number of men of widely extended knowledge of the principles of therapeutics, skill in their use and practical application, and a reputation for success in their chosen field of labor. Prominent among this class is Dr. McIlravy, who is residing in Magnolia, and was born in this county September 25, 1851. He is a son of Dr. William Q. McIlravy, a native of Pennsylvania, the year of his birth being 1823. Grandfather Hugh McIlravy was born in Scotland, and came to America when a young man. He was a stone-mason by trade, and upon coming to this country located in Harrison County, this State, where he lived for a time, and then removed to Victoria, Knox County, Ill., where he spent his last days.

The father of our subject, who was a physician of the regular school, was engaged in practice as early as 1848 in Magnolia, where he at once began to build up a trade that grew with the growth in population, and ere long gave him plenty of work. He was only allowed to continue his labors for ten years, and died in 1858. He was very successful as a physician, and was ranked among the best in this county. He was a Republican in politics, and although a very busy man, always found time to devote to local affairs and was well liked by his fellow-townsmen.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Rebecca Van Buskirk, and she was a native of Pennsylvania. She reared a family of two children, the sister of D. L. being Carrie B., who married W. S. Tidrich, and resides in Des Moines, Iowa. They have one son, Glen. Mrs. McIlravy was a member of the Methodist Church and always active in all good works. She was sixty-five years of age when called hence. Our subject remained in his native county until six years of age, when he was taken to New Cumberland, Tuscarawas County, where he was given an excellent education, and later supplemented the knowledge gained there by a two-years course at Scio College. He then taught school for five years, in the meantime carrying on his studies and reading medicine with Dr. E. P. Buell, of New Philadelphia. Later, he attended a course of lectures at the Ohio Medical College in Cincinnati, and in 1879 entered the University of the City of New York, from which institution he was graduated in the spring of 1880. During that year he took a special course in surgery, chemistry, and anatomy, and on receiving his diploma returned to Magnolia, where he established himself in the practice of his profession.

Dr. McIlravy in May, 1881, was married to Miss Cora B. Sherretts, who was born in New Cumberland, this State, January 3, 1861. They have one child, a daughter, Maude. The Doctor stands very high in the medical fraternity, and has been very successful in alleviating suffering and prolonging life, and has received the merited reward of a fair share of this world's goods. This he has invested in such a way as to prove his financial tact, and the result is that he has a handsome income. He is the owner of a quarter-section of valuable land in Boone County, Iowa, which he rents to a good tenant. In politics, he is a believer in the principles advocated by the Republican party, and



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socially he is a member of the Stark County Academy of Medicine. He occupies a comfortable residence, which is fitted up in a style suited to the means and tastes of its inmates. As has been seen by these brief notes, Dr. McIlravy has made his own way in life and is therefore more worthy of commendation.

JOHN R. BUCHER was one of the most prominent citizens and a leading manufacturer of Canton, and this work would indeed be incomplete without a sketch of his career. When called from this life, the county mourned the loss of one of its best citizens, and his friends and family felt that disaster had indeed fallen heavily upon them. He was born August 29, 1827, in a residence that stood at the corner of East Tuscarawas and Cherry Streets, and was a son of Jacob Bucher, a pioneer of Canton. After attaining to man's estate, he was married, September 11, 1856, to Miss Emma, daughter of Martin Wikidal, also an early settler of Canton.

One of the leading industries with which he was connected was the Bucher & Gibbs' Plow Company, which he established in 1864. He began the manufacture of stoves prior to that and proved successful. About that time, he added the manufacture of plows to his other interests, and completely consecrated himself to his work. It took earnest and constant effort to make the young enterprise succeed, and twenty years of persistent labor were required to place the company upon the high and enduring basis which it now occupies. The business was conducted under the partnership name until 1886, when it was incorporated with a capital stock of $250,000. The plant is located near the tracks of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad and the Cleveland & Canton Railroad. The factory is 50x226 feet, two stories high, and the foundry covers an area of 75x150 feet. The smithy department is 40x125 feet, and the grinding-room, storage and warehouse is a building 25x125 feet, and two stories high, with two wings, each 25x125 feet; another storage building is 40x80 feet, and the office is 35x75 feet, and two stories high. The machinery is of the latest and most highly improved kind and is operated by a steam engine of two hundred and fifty horse power. They employ one hundred and fifty men in the factories, and have twelve traveling salesmen upon the road. The goods are sold throughout the United States, Australia, the Argentine Republic, Chili, Mexico, and in portions of Africa. Branch offices have been established in Indianapolis, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Sacramento, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Richmond, New York, Cincinnati and Louisville. At the time of his death, Mr. Bucher was President of the company, and the other officers were F. E. Myers, Vice-president; H. A. Cavnah, General Manager; W. J. Poyser, Secretary; F. B. Niesz, Treasurer, and G. W. Ream, Superintendent.

Mr. Bucher was a hard worker in his earlier life, but with advancing years he laid aside some of his business cares, as his earlier efforts had brought him prosperity. For a number of years he had also been in poor health. He was a sufferer from heart disease, but he bore all uncomplainingly, constantly desiring to avoid causing anxiety to others. Several times he seemed near death's door, but recovered. At last, however, the man who had successfully combated with hardships, and many obstacles in the financial world, succumbed to the dread destroyer. He passed away February 29, 1892. For years he was an attendant and supporter of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Bucher was deeply and sincerely mourned. His generous nature endeared him to his employes, who felt for him the tenderest regard. Those who were associated with him in business speak of him in the highest terms of praise, and had the utmost confidence in him. His aim in life was ever to uplift and benefit, and his record abounds with good deeds, which won him the love of young and old, rich and poor. His excellencies of character were many "and even his failings leaned to virtue's side." As a prudent man of affairs, he was a

model of rare excellence. As a successful captain of the industrial development, his place was in the front rank. As a social companion, he was peerless; as a citizen, he was without reproach. As a husband and father, he was the type and embodiment of whatever is the truest and kindest and best in human conception. His home was the dearest spot on earth to him, and he could not do too much to enhance the happiness of his family.

Mrs. Bucher is left to mourn the loss of a devoted husband, while three children, Helen, wife of W. J. Poyser; Martin W., and Clara, wife of W. H. Shanafelt, share her deep bereavement.

We are pleased to present a portrait of Mr. Bucher on another page of this volume.

MARTIN W. BUCHER, one of the stockholders in the Bucher & Gibbs' Plow Company of Canton, was born in this city on the 30th of August, 1864, and is the only son of John R. and Emma (Wikidal) Bucher. Under the parental roof the days of his boyhood and youth were passed, and excellent educational advantages were afforded him. On leaving the public schools, he entered Dennison University in Granville, Ohio, where he vigorously pursued his studies for a year, after which he went to Media, Pa., where he spent two years. He then entered upon his business career, embarking, in 1885, in the tea business with the Great Eastern Tea Company, after which he formed a partnership with Henry Ream, representing the Great Eastern Hong Kong Tea Company.

On the 2d of September, 1885, Mr. Bucher was married to Miss Kate Cobaugh, of Canton, who is a daughter of Daniel Cobaugh, President of the Canton Spring Company. The young couple reside at No. 158 Aultman Avenue, and their home is the abode of hospitality, and there they entertain their many friends in this community, as in social circles they rank high. They have one son, John R.

After two years' connection with the Great Eastern Hong Kong Tea Company, Mr. Bucher sold his interest in the business, and rented the Sanitarium at Magnetic Springs, in Union County, Ohio, and was its proprietor for one year. He then returned to his native city, and became interested in the Bucher & Gibbs' Plow Company, and now has control of the advertising department. This is one of the leading industries of the city, and was established by his father almost thirty years ago.

Our subject is a wide-awake and enterprising young business man, progressive and public-spirited. He possesses many of the characteristics of his honored father, and will no doubt rapidly win his way upward. With the advantages with which he is surrounded he may achieve excellent success, and the ambition and energy of a young man will, no doubt, gain prosperity for him.

HENRY BACHTEL, a prominent old settler of Stark County, Ohio, was born in Bedford County (now Fulton County), Pa., December 18, 1805, a son of Jacob Bachtel, who was born in Washington County, Md., in the year 1770, and grandson of Samuel Bachtel, who was born in the eastern part of the State of Pennsylvania, where he owned and operated an oil mill and distillery, both of which were situated on a farm which he owned. He was a minister of the Gospel and wielded much influence throughout the section in which he resided. His father, Martin Bachtel, was born in Switzerland, and it is supposed that he came to America and settled in Pennsylvania in 1734. He became wealthy and was the owner of a fine farm and mill.

Jacob Bachtel, the father of the subject of this sketch, married Catherine Kershner, who was born and reared in Washington County, Md. Tradition has it that her father, Martin Kershner, came to this country from France. Jacob Bachtel and Cather-

ine Kershner were married in Maryland, but afterward settled in what is now Fulton County, Pa., where they tilled the soil until 1810, when they came to Stark County, Ohio, and purchased eighty acres of land of George Harter, four miles north of Canton. Although this land was partially improved, Mr. Bachtel set energetically to work to further perfect it, but when just in the meridian of life he was cut down by the hand of death, on the 22d of December, 1823, his widow surviving him until September 12, 1833. They became the parents of two daughters and four sons, all of whom reached maturity, married and reared families. Samuel died October 4, 1850, at the age of fifty-five years, three months and twenty-six days; Nancy Richards, April 6, 1878, aged eighty years, eight months and twenty-eight days; Isaac, June 4, 1866, aged sixty-six years, ten months and twenty-four days; Andrew K. died March 15, 1874, aged seventy years; Henry, the subject of this sketch, is the only one living; and Polly Beard died November 25, 1840, aged thirty-three years, ten months and twenty-two days.

Henry Bachtel was five years of age when he was brought to Stark County, and in the primitive log schoolhouse of early times his education was acquired. Subscription schools were in vogue in that day, and were of the most primitive description. At the age of seventeen years, he went to Plain Township, Stark County, to learn the cabinet-maker's trade, but at the end of about twenty months he went to Steubenville, where he worked as an apprentice for six months longer. For two years after his return to Stark County, he worked at his trade. In 1826, he was married to Miss Margaret Upp, a native of Pennsylvania, born in York County July 6, 1806, but was called upon to mourn her death February 1, 1861. Their union resulted in the birth of four children, one of whom died in infancy. Those living are Catherine M., born December 8, 1828, and the wife of John W. McAbee, of Mt. Union, Ohio; Samuel P., born July 8, 1832, resides on the old homestead; and Hiram J., born August 2, 1834, lives in Flint, Mich.

Mr. Bachtel's second union was to Martha E. (Hibben) Everhard, the widow of Jacob Everhard. She died July 17, 1887. After his marriage, Mr. Bachtel located on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, where he remained until 1830, when he moved to where he now resides. This farm was first opened by Frederick Warner in 1814, and in 1816 was purchased by Henry Huffman, and in 1830 by Mr. Bachtel, who turned it over to the management of his son Samuel in 1880. The large brick residence, which is still standing, was erected in 1833, and was the fourth brick house in the county. On his fine farm of two hundred and forty acres he raised magnificent crops and a large amount of stock.

Mr. Bachtel was first a Whig in politics, then became a Republican, and is now a Prohibitionist. He was Township Trustee two terms of three years each, was Township Assessor two years, Township Clerk twelve years and Justice of the Peace twenty-one years. During this time, so ably did he weigh the scales of justice that but one of his cases was ever taken to court. He is a member of the Reformed Church of Jackson Township, and has held all the offices in the same. He is a man of unblemished reputation, and in every walk in life has conducted himself with intelligence, dignity and probity.

JOHN W. BARR was a farmer of much practical ability, who had already acquired a handsome property in Bethlehem Township when his untimely death closed his earthly career. By his demise, the township which he helped to build up and Stark County sustained the loss of one who had aided in developing the agriculture of this portion of the State. Like many of the best residents of this section, he was a native of this county, having been born in April, 1824, to Henry and Susan (Bixler) Barr, who early located in Sugar Creek Township. There our subject was reared to man's estate and as educational privileges were very meagre, his opportunities for

acquiring knowledge were limited to the district school.

When reaching mature years, he of whom we write learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, which business he followed the greater part of his life. April 25, 1858, he was joined in marriage with Miss Hester A. Barnett, who was born in this State, April 25, 1837, and is the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Griffith) Barnett, natives of Pennsylvania. Of the six children living in her parents' family, she was the third in order of birth, her brothers and sisters bearing the respective names of Susan, Gabriel, Caroline, David and Ella.

Mr. Barr of this sketch in 1859 located upon the farm where his widow is at present residing, in Bethlehem Township, and where his decease occurred July 9, 1886. The excellent estate of one hundred and fifty acres which he possessed at the time of his death is a standing monument to his energy, industry and prudence in agricultural and business affairs. He surrounded his home with many comforts, occupied well-built structures, and every part of his farm gave evidence of his ability and prosperity.

A Republican in politics, our subject always voted with that party, fully convinced of the justice of the principles which he advocated. With his wife, he was identified with the German Reformed Church and bore his religion as an everyday garment, ordering his life by the Golden Rule. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Barr, five are living, namely: Samantha, Mrs. William Schweyear; Charles F., Franklin, Harvey D. and George A. They have been given excellent advantages and are taking their places in society among the young people of intelligence and refinement.

WILLIAM W. GOODMAN, a prominent builder and contractor of Canton, was born in Reading, Pa., December 10, 1844. His parents, John S. and Mary (Whitman) Goodman, were natives of the Keystone State, whence they removed to Ohio in 1845, settling in Stark County on a small farm. Subsequently, they retired to spend their declining years in the city of Canton, where the mother died in 1865 and the father in April, 1875. After the death of his first wife, the father married Elizabeth Emmons, by whom he had one son, Louis, still living. The last-named was a shoemaker, and followed his trade until his death. Upright and conscientious in his dealings with all, he was highly esteemed and occupied an influential place in the community.

Of the large family of children born to John and Mary Goodman, only four survive at this writing (1892). William W. was very young when he was brought by his parents to Stark County, where he grew to manhood on his father's farm. His education, which was limited, was received in the common schools of his district, but he has always been a close observer of public affairs and a systematic reader of current literature, so that he is well informed on all matters of public import.

At the age of eighteen, Mr. Goodman was apprenticed to learn the trade of a carpenter but before the expiration of his term he enlisted, in 1862, as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was on guard duty principally, and was at Stone River, besides engaging in a number of skirmishes. After an honorable service in his country's behalf, he was discharged at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Subsequently, Mr. Goodman removed to Seneca County, Ohio, where he followed farming pursuits about fifteen months. That occupation proving unsatisfactory, he returned to Canton and resumed work at his trade, traveling as a "jour" for about six years. For three years ensuing, he engaged in the lumber business and then embarked as a contractor, which business he has since followed. Among the elegant residences in Canton for which he had the contract may be mentioned those of C. K. Roberts, Rev. Mr. Noel, Martin Zimmerman, John J. Aikens, Milton Harding, William Stone, Conrad Shade, Mrs. Quinn, George W. Meyer, Jonathan Sherrick, besides two stations for the C. C. & S. Railroad and a large number of other buildings. His work has always

been of such a character as to commend itself to the people of Canton and vicinity, while his interior finish and decorations are equalled by few, surpassed by none.

October 1, 1866, the marriage of William W. Goodman and Miss Louise A. Sanders took place at the home of the bride's parents. She is the daughter of Gilbert and Irena (Brooks) Sanders, who were natives of New York and Connecticut respectively. They subsequently settled in Huron County, Ohio, and it was in that county that Mrs. Goodman was married. Three children born of the union now survive: Nellie E., Pearl and Mary. As might be expected, Mr. Goodman is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic and is one of the prominent members of the post at Canton. Politically, he is a Republican.

CAPT. HENRY HUBER, Treasurer of Elm Run Coal Mine, and one of the much esteemed and worthy citizens of Stark County, Ohio, is of foreign birth, like many other prominent citizens of the county. He was born in Prussia, near Sorbruch, on the 20th of January, 1842, and his parents, George and Dorothy Huber, were natives also of that country. The father was a miner and followed that occupation in the coal mines of his native country until his death. Afterward, the mother and one child crossed the ocean to America, and in the same year, 1853, located in Summit County, Ohio, near Clinton. They subsequently moved to a point near Massillon, and there the mother received her final summons, dying in 1875. She was an excellent woman and a most exemplary member of the Lutheran Church.

The original of this notice received his early education in his native country, and was eleven years of age when he came with his mother to the "land of the free." He at once began working in the coal mines of Ohio, and attended school during the winter months, thus receiving a good practical education, which has since been greatly improved by observation and reading. He was employed in the mines until 1859, when he came to Massillon and began clerking in Richardson's grocery store, remaining there until the tocsin of war sounded to arms. On the 17th of July, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Thirty-second Ohio Infantry, was mustered in at Bartlett as a private, and was sent to West Virginia. He participated in the battle of Greenbrier and passed the winter at Cheat Mountain. Later, he was in the battles of Cross Keys and Harper's Ferry, where the whole army was captured and paroled. He went to Chicago, was promoted to be Sergeant and about Christmas he went to Cleveland, where he was exchanged. In February of the following year, he returned South to Memphis, and was in the siege of Vicksburg, Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill, and other engagements. He was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant on the 24th of July, 1863, and in February, 1864, he went with Sherman to Meridian, thence home on a veteran furlough for thirty days. After this, he went to Cairo, thence to Paducah, from there to Huntsville, then to Rome, finding Sherman's army at Big Shady. He took part in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, where he commanded the company, was afterward in the siege of Atlanta and was near when McPherson was killed. On the 22nd of July, 1864, he was wounded in the left thigh by a minie-ball that broke the bone, and was carried to the Twenty-third Corps Hospital. Two days later, he was sent to Chattahoochee River, Fourteenth Corps Hospital, and there remained until August 1, when he was sent to Chattanooga, Tenn. There he remained until May 16, when he was sent home on a cot, as he was not able to sit up. May 30, he received his discharge. He did not leave his bed until July 4, when he was just able to sit up, and he did not attempt to do any work until 1866. On the 26th of November, 1864, he was promoted to the rank of Captain of his company by Gov. Bruff. He was one of the bravest soldiers who ever trod the red soil of a battlefield, and was ever cool, calm, collected and prudent. Capt. Huber has just returned from a ramble over the old battlegrounds, and saw the

place where he was wounded. He brought back with him relics in the way of bullets, pieces of shell, etc.

In 1866, he became book-keeper for the Wellbank Coal Company, continued with them until 1874, and was then book-keeper for the Grove Coal Company until 1881. After this, he was book-keeper for the Elm Run Coal Company, and in 1884 he became a stockholder. He was Secretary and Treasurer until 1890, and since then has been Treasurer alone. He is also interested in the Massillon City Coal Company, and owns a fine residence at No. 125 Green Street. He was married here first in 1868, to Miss Esther Bowen, a native of Summit County, Ohio, and three children came to bless this union: Mame, a graduate of the High School; Nell, now Mrs. Dr. Gardner, of Massillon; and Gertrude, at home. The Captain's second marriage occurred in Massillon, in 1876, to Miss Ruth L. Hargrove, a native of Massillon, and they have two interesting children: Pearl and Trix. Our subject is a member of the City Council from the Third Ward, and is holding his second term. He was President of the Board one term. He is also a member of the Board of Education and has held other positions of importance. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and Hart Post No. 134, G. A. R., being Past Commander for several years. He is a stanch advocate of Republican principles.

DAVID JACKSON is a native-born resident of Stark County, Ohio, his birth occurring in Lawrence Township, on the 13th of December, 1826, and the reputation which he has enjoyed has been not only that of a substantial and progressive farmer, but of an intelligent and thoroughly-posted man in all public affairs. He is a son of James Jackson, who was born in Nova Scotia, and who was left an orphan when but ten years of age. When he had reached the age of fourteen years, he came to the United States and settled in Vermont, where he remained for some time. From there, he went to Ohio when a young man and took up one hundred and sixty acres in Lawrence Township, Stark County. However, when first settling in the county, he took up eighty acres about two and a-half miles from Massillon, but subsequently traded this for one hundred and sixty acres in Lawrence Township. He was first married to a Miss McCaughey and afterward settled on the farm in Lawrence Township that he had taken up from the Government. Three children, a daughter and two sons, were born of this marriage and were named as follows: Mariah, Robert and James. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Jackson wedded Miss Sarah Stout, a native of Pennsylvania, and seven sons and three daughters blessed this union, viz.: Nancy, Eliza, David (our subject), Rachel, John, Andrew, Kelley, Henry, Hiram and William.

Of these thirteen children, twelve are living at the present time. Henry died during the late war. Our subject, who was the eldest son by the second marriage, passed his boyhood and youth in his native place and received a good common-school education. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age, and his first marriage was with Miss Sarah A. Mentzer, on the 10th of June, 1856. Two children were born of this union, both sons: Champy, of Lawrence Township, and Alphus (deceased). Mrs. Jackson died on the 27th of June, 1860, and Mr. Jackson's second marriage occurred on the 23d of October, 1862, to Miss Ann M. Shriver, who died on the 5th of July, 1869. The fruits of this union were three sons: Charley, at Akron; Sterman, of Massillon, and Frank (deceased). The next union of our subject was with Miss Lovina Carver, this marriage occurring on the 7th of May, 1872. She was born in Summit County, Ohio. Two daughters blessed this union: Ada, a music teacher, and Rosa, a graduate of the High School in Fulton.

Our subject resided on the old homestead until 1859, and then started a lumber yard in Canal Fulton, carrying it on for about sixteen years, after which he gave it up and turned his attention to farming. He located on his present farm, which consists of forty-four acres, in 1883, and he is also the owner of one hundred and fifty-two acres on

section 13 of the same township, the old homestead, which he rents. Mr. Jackson is now interested in raising fine horses. In politics, he was at one time a Democrat, afterward a Republican and is now a stanch Prohibitionist. In his religious views, Mr. Jackson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canal Fulton and has been Trustee of the same. He owns three dwelling houses in Canal Fulton which he rents, and on the farm, the old homestead entered by his father in 1811, there is a good coal bank, from which Mr. Jackson has realized a handsome profit.

H. SHAFER, M. D., a prominent practitioner of Alliance, was born in Osnaburg Township, Stark County, November 26, 1854, and is a son of John and Mary (Roose) Shafer, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. The Shafer family is of German origin. The grandfather of our subject was born in Germany, and at an early day settled in Pennsylvania, where he followed farming. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and in 1837 he removed to Stark County, Ohio, locating near Canton, where he resided until his death. The maternal ancestors came from the Keystone State at an early day, and located in Stark County, near Freeburgh. The father of our subject was an agriculturist and a prominent stock-dealer. He owned a nice farm, and lived in comfortable circumstances.

Our subject is one of a family of two sons and a daughter, but his brother is now deceased. In the usual manner of farmer lads, he was reared to manhood, following the plow and harrow in his boyhood days. His education was acquired in the district schools, the Avery Academy, of Canton, and Hiram College, of Portage County. His father having died, and his finances being somewhat reduced, he was forced to abandon his collegiate course, and began the study of medicine with Drs. B. A. and I. Whiteleather, of Osnaburg, Ohio. In the autumn of 1879, he entered the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, in which he pursued his studies one year. He then practiced medicine until the fall of 1881, when he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and was graduated from the old Western Reserve Medical College in the spring of 1882. He immediately thereafter located in Alliance, where he has since engaged in the prosecution of his profession, having secured a large and lucrative practice among the best class of people. He has paid strict attention to his business, and as thorough preparation and natural talent well fitted him for medical practice, he has been very successful in his life work.

The Doctor has been twice married. In the autumn of 1879, he wedded Miss Angie Reed, by whom he had one child, now deceased. He was again married, in August, 1882, his second union being with Miss Susie C. Allen, of Alliance. The Doctor and his wife are well-known residents of this city, rank high in social circles, and are held in warm regard by their many friends.

Dr. Shafer holds membership with the Stark County Medical Society, and is a member of the Alumni of the Western Reserve Medical Society. He also belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees, of which he is medical examiner, and is medical director and one of the originators of the Order of Adelphia. He is also examiner for several leading insurance companies.

THOMAS NOBLE, deceased. When a citizen of worth and character has departed this life, it is well that those who survive him should keep green in their memories his many deeds of merit, and his numerous virtues and characteristics should be held up for the emulation of the young. Thomas Noble was distinguished for his many virtues, and his life was a complete and well-spent one. He was born in Westmoreland County, England, December 24, 1807, where his

father, Thomas Noble, also was born. The latter was a farmer and extensive dealer in sheep, and was a man well calculated to rear his son to honorable and useful manhood. He was the father of three daughters and three sons, of whom Thomas, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest. The latter was reared in his native shire, but obtained his knowledge of books in Lancashire.

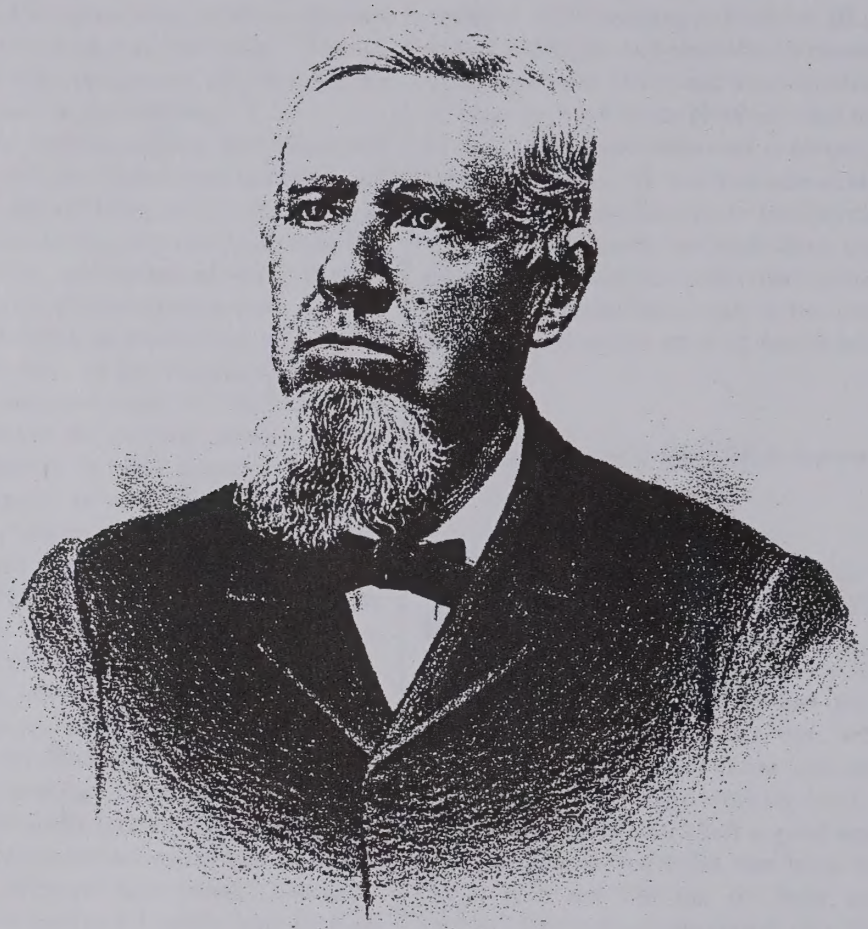
Our subject was of an ambitious and enterprising disposition, and for some time America had been the goal of his ambition, so for the purpose of bettering his condition, he crossed the ocean to this country in 1833, and almost immediately came to Stark County, Ohio, locating on a farm in Jackson Township, on which he resided until his death in 1847. At the time of his demise, he was the owner of eight hundred acres of land, and was without doubt one of the leading farmers of the county. In addition to this property, he also owned a like amount of real estate in Moultrie County, Ill., and, like his father before him, he was an extensive dealer in sheep, and on various occasions owned as high as three thousand head. He was a member of the Church of England, and politically, was a Republican.

Mrs. Noble, his widow, was formerly Miss Isabel Cooper, and she, as well as her father, Robert Cooper, was born in Westmoreland County, England, her birth occurring March 31, 1811. The father was a well-to-do farmer in England, and was called from life at the advanced age of eighty years. His wife, formerly Miss Isabel Thompson, was born in Westmoreland County, and died in her sixtieth year. She bore her husband five sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood and reared families, with the exception of one son, who died an old bachelor in Philadelphia, Pa. The names of these children are as follows: Thomas, Agnes, Mary, Isabel, James, Robert; George, of Cleveland, Ohio; and William, a successful farmer of England. All are now deceased except Isabel (Mrs. Noble), George and William. Mrs. Noble was given the advantages of the common schools in her native land, and remained with her parents until her marriage with Mr. Noble in 1832, coming with him the next year to Stark County, Ohio. She became the mother of the following children: Thomas, in San Diego, Cal.; Johnnie, who died at the age of three years; John (No. 2), a resident of Wichita, Kan.; William, who died at the age of thirty-two years; Robert, a resident of Champaign County, Ill.; Isabel, the eldest child, married Simpson Harmount, and died at Canal Dover, Ohio; and twin children, who died in infancy. All these children were born in Stark County, Ohio, and were sent to school at Massillon and Pittsburgh. In the domestic circles, Mrs. Noble is a model mother, loves her children with extreme devotion, and has made their happiness and comfort the chief aim and object of her life. She is well off financially, and is the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of fertile land.

PETER MILLER. This well-known and highly respected citizen of Perry Township died at his pleasant home many years ago. He made this county his home in an early day, and thus witnessed the marvelous growth of the country from a vast wilderness to beautiful and productive farms and thriving villages. He was a hard-working and intelligent farmer, and at his death left a good estate.

He of whom we write was born in Pennsylvania, and was the son of John and Barbara Miller. Our subject emigrated with his family to this county and made settlement in Perry Township, taking up his abode in a large log house which he erected on his new farm. He industriously set to work to clear his purchase, until it ranked among the best in the township. He was a prominent man, and his memory will ever be held in reverence for his service in upbuilding his section, as well as for his influence in promoting the spiritual welfare of the community, where he was well known and honored.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Barbara Fausler, and to them was born a family of eleven children, of whom the following survive: Catherine, the widow of Daniel Smith; Amie and



Yours Truly

John J. Trump

Lydia. Mr. Miller, a quarter of a century ago, departed this life on the farm where his daughters now reside, and his good wife followed him to the better land on the succeeding day, and was buried in the same grave with her husband in the Reformed Church cemetery at Navarre. He was a Democrat in politics, and well known in his locality as a devoted member of the Reformed Church, to which denomination his wife also belonged.

The daughters of our subject make their home upon a valuable estate of one hundred and twenty acres, which they are managing in a most business-like and profitable manner. They are also members of the same church to which their parents belonged. They have a home replete with those comforts which add to the pleasure of many, and whoever crosses its threshold is sure of a cordial reception.

JOHN J. TRUMP, who for a number of years was one of the prominent farmers of Stark County, and is now living retired in Canton, was born on the 14th of May, 1817, in Canton Township, and is a representative of two of the leading pioneer families of this community. His grandfather, John Trump, was a native of Pennsylvania, and with his family came to Stark County in 1812, settling amid the forests of Canton Township, on the farm now owned by our subject. He was a shoemaker by trade, but followed agricultural pursuits throughout much of his life, and also dealt in real estate. He stood high as a citizen and was an honored pioneer. His wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Jacobs, and was also a native of the Keystone State.

John Trump, father of our subject, was born in Adams County, Pa., in January, 1796, and with his parents came to the Buckeye State. He married Sarah Esig, who was born in Cumberland County, Pa., in 1799, and was a daughter of Simon and Julia Ann Esig. Accompanied by his family, her father came to this county in 1806, casting in his lot with its early settlers. He was a blacksmith and in connection with that trade carried on farming. Mrs. Trump died in 1859, preceding her husband to the final rest about twenty years, Mr. Trump passing away in 1879. During the war he was a stanch Union man and a warm advocate of the administration in power. He held the office of Township Trustee and stood high in the estimation of his friends and fellow-townsmen.

In the usual manner of farmer lads, the subject of this sketch was reared to manhood, while in the subscription school, which he attended a few weeks in the winter season, he acquired his education. His teacher knew little more than the pupils and his advantages were thus very limited, but his training at farm work was not meagre. He aided in the cultivation of the home farm until he had attained to man's estate, when he started out to earn his own livelihood.

In May, 1838, Mr. Trump was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Rank, a daughter of Abraham Rank, one of the early settlers of the community, and they became the parents of a family of four sons and four daughters, as follows: Emeline, now the wife of Samuel Fasnaught; Sarah, wife of E. Smith, a farmer; Alfred and Amos who are agriculturists; Maria, wife of John H. Werner, a prominent merchant and real-estate dealer, of Canton; Loran, a carpenter and builder; Ella, wife of David Houtz, a farmer; and John, a teamster.

In 1844, Mr. Trump purchased his father's farm, comprising one hundred and seventy-two acres, at $50 per acre, and devoted his energies to its improvement and cultivation for almost forty-four years. In 1870, he retired from active farming and has since rested in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. In 1882, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in the month of June. While living in Canton Township, Mr. Trump served as Trustee while the war was in progress. In politics, he is a stanch Republican and keeps himself well informed on the issues of the day and all other questions of general interest. With the English Reformed Church he holds membership. He owns considerable valuable property in the shape of town lots, beside his home at No. 505 East Lake St. His residence in this county

covers a period of seventy-five years, and few have so long been settlers here. He has witnessed much of its growth and upbuilding, has aided in its development and is honored as one of its pioneers.

JACOB L. OBERLIN. The farm which is occupied by the above-named gentleman is one of the most highly developed in Stark County. It consists of one hundred and sixteen acres on section 32, Plain Township, and the passing stranger will note with delight the ample accommodations for stock and crops and the means that have been taken to enhance the comfort of the dwellers thereon. The residence is of pleasing architectural design, convenient in arrangement, and displays in its neatness and order the care of a tasteful woman.

Mr. Oberlin was born on the old homestead March 10, 1830, and is a son of Adam Oberlin, who was born January 26, 1802, in Lancaster County, Pa. The grandparents of our subject were born in Germany and, emigrating to the New World, made their home in the Keystone State. The grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and died in Pennsylvania when the father of our subject was but sixteen years of age. The latter, determining to see what lay in store for him in the Buckeye State, in 1824 came on foot to this county and located on what is now the property of our subject, when the only improvement which the tract bore was a log house and barn. Among the Indians and wild animals he entered upon the pioneer work which resulted in securing to his family a good home, and that his efforts in tilling the soil were crowned with success is indicated from the fact that at his death he left an estate of one hundred and thirty-six acres. He possessed at one time three different farms, which he sold, and in this way added to his already good income. His decease, which occurred in 1881, took place at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Reems, in Henry. He was an active member of the German Lutheran Church and enjoyed the respect of many friends. A Republican in politics, he was ever ready to advance the interests of his party by his ballot, personal influence and argument.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Albright) Oberlin, the mother of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1802, and when a girl of fourteen years came to this county with her parents, where she met and married the father of our subject. Their union was blessed to them by the birth of nine children, of whom the following six are living: Elizabeth, Anna, Jacob L., Catherine, Harriet and Emma. The mother, who was also a devoted member of the German Lutheran Church, died in 1871. She was the daughter of Frederick Albright, who came overland to this county in an early day and, purchasing property in Plain Township, there developed from the wilderness a good farm of one hundred and thirty acres. At the time of his settlement here, the city of Canton contained only a few log houses, and with characteristic energy he set to work to cultivate his land, and in this way added to the material prosperity of the township. He was of German descent, so far as is known, and lived to advanced years.

Jacob L. Oberlin, of this sketch, was reared in his native county, and received a fair education in the district school. The occupation of his early life was congenial to his tastes, and he therefore gave his attention in later years to farming and stock-raising, in which he has proved successful. When twenty-five years of age, he took charge of the home place, which he cultivated on shares for nine years, when it came into his possession by purchase.

The home of Mr. Oberlin is presided over by a lady of energetic nature and great intelligence, who was known in her maidenhood as Miss Sarah E. Poyser. She was born in this county and has become the mother of six children, namely: William, Norman, Charles, John, Walter and Martha. Their marriage was solemnized in 1864, and in their community they enjoy the friendship of the best residents. Mr. Oberlin had been previously married in 1855 to Sarah Spangler, who was born

in this township, and their union was blessed by the birth of three children: Josiah W., who resides in Portage County; Clara, Mrs. Racer, who makes her home in Trumbull County; and Laura, Mrs. Burry, who is living in Shelbyville, Ill. The mother died in 1863.

As before stated, he of whom we write owns one hundred and sixteen acres of land and is successfully engaged in mixed farming. Among the numerous and commodious buildings on his farm is a modern frame residence, which was erected in 1883, and which is supplied with many conveniences, which make of it one of the pleasantest homes in the county. Our subject also has a large frame barn, which he built in 1882. The family are attendants of the English Lutheran Church and are classed among the respected members of society.

Our subject has given sufficient attention to politics to satisfy himself as to the merits of the parties, and always deposits a Republican ballot. For the past seventeen years he has served as School Director, and been a member of the Township Board for eleven years in succession. He is active in social matters and gives his aid and countenance to the progressive and elevating enterprises that are promulgated in this vicinity, and that he is respected by his associates it is needless to say.

JOHN L. STEELE is one of those to whom Stark County owes its agricultural wealth and its advanced civilization. Born here March 21, 1826, he has thus been working with his hands, and planning with his mind, for many years, and bearing an honest man's part in the progress of the section in which he makes his home. He has a good farm, consisting of one hundred and fifty-nine acres in Tuscarawas Township, every foot of which shows his skill and energy.

James and Margaret (Latimer) Steele, the parents of our subject, like many of the best residents of this section, were born in Pennsylvania. The maternal grandfather, Robert Latimer, was one of the first settlers in Osnaburg Township, while Grandfather Archibald Steele emigrated to this country from Ireland about 1790. He made location with his family on the land which he had entered from the Government during President Madison's administration. Archibald Steele was a descendant of Robert Steele, who, on being driven out of Scotland, located in the North of Ireland.

James Steele, the father of our subject, was very prominent in local affairs, and after coming to Stark County, held the office of Justice of the Peace. Unassuming in manner, he lived a straightforward and upright life, and had many warm friends who esteemed him for his sterling worth. John L., of this sketch, was reared to manhood on the estate where he now resides, and conned his lessons in the old-fashioned log schoolhouse with slab benches and other primitive fittings. The country roundabout was the haunt of deer and other wild animals, some of which fell before his musket. By degrees, the condition of the country improved, and when old enough to be of assistance, he aided his father in cultivating the home farm, until it became fit for the abundant raising of crops, and marked by buildings superior to the original dwellings here.

The lady to whom Mr. Steele was married January 9, 1852, was Miss Margaret M. Christman, a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., and the daughter of Henry and Susan (Bash) Christman. Mrs. Steele has a brother William and a sister Sarah who still survive. By her union with our subject she has become the mother of three children: James H., a prominent minister in the Reformed Church; William, who is a practicing physician at Navarre, and Ida, who married John Erb.

Mr. Steele believes in the principles laid down in the Republican platform, and supports them on every election day. He is a man of excellent moral character and much intelligence, and commands the respect of his fellow-men in a high degree. In worldly affairs he has shown his ability, having climbed from the bottom of the financial ladder to

a position where comfort is assured and undue anxiety regarding the future is done away with. Besides the one hundred and fifty-nine acres of which he is the owner, his wife owns in her own right sixty acres of valuable land. Mr. Steele has served as Treasurer of his township, and with his wife is a devoted member of the Reformed Church.

DR. JACOB F. MARCHAND. The value to any community of a professional man is not marked merely by his learning and skill, his proficiency in medical and surgical practice, but also by his character, both private and professional, his honorable adherence to medical ethics and his personal integrity and benevolence of purpose. When a physician combines these characteristics, it is with great pleasure that we record his life work, and such a man do we find in Dr. Marchand.

This physician of Canton, Ohio, was born in Irwin, Westmoreland County, Pa., on the 17th of February, 1858. His father, Abram Marchand, was also a native of the Keystone State, as was also the grandfather, Frederick Marchand. Abram Marchand was a very successful business man and was a public-spirited and worthy citizen. He married Miss Rachel Saam, a native of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Adam Saam. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Marchand settled at Irwin, where they passed the remainder of their days as worthy and esteemed citizens.

The original of this sketch is the youngest of seven children, five daughters and two sons, five of whom still survive. The Doctor passed his boyhood and youth in his native county and received a thorough education in the city schools, remaining in the same until fifteen years of age. Up to the age of nineteen, he taught school in the village, and subsequently entered the preparatory department of the Washington and Jefferson (Pa.) College. In 1878, he was in the freshman class, and in 1882 he was graduated from the classical department. The same year, he was elected Principal of the High School at Canton, Ohio, and filled that position in a creditable manner for two years.

In 1884, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1887. The same year, he took the degree of Master of Arts in the Washington and Jefferson College and then came to Canton, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. Although young in years, Dr. Marchand has already won an enviable reputation as a practitioner of the healing art and has served two years as City Physician. In 1889, he was elected City Health Officer and this position he still holds. For the past four years, he has been School Examiner of the city teachers. He has for three years been surgeon of the Valley Railroad, and he is at present one of the visiting physicians to the Infirmary. He was one of the incorporators of the Aultman Hospital and is one of the visiting surgeons of the same. The Doctor is a member of the Northeast Ohio Medical Association; Stark County Academy of Medicine, and a member of the H. C. Wood Medical Society at Philadelphia, and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Marchand was married, on the 30th of April, 1891, to Miss Laura S. Martin, of Canton, and they have one son, Charles Martin. Mrs. Marchand is the daughter of the Hon. H. S. Martin and was reared and educated in Canton. Dr. and Mrs. Marchand have a pleasant residence at No. 17 North Cleveland Avenue, and the Doctor has his office there also. He is of French-Huguenot descent.

WILLIAM KROFT. The men who have devoted themselves to developing and extending the agriculture of Stark County are deserving of more than passing notice, and occupying an honorable place among these is the

subject of this biographical review, who is residing in Canton Township, where his birth occurred April 4, 1835. His farming interests are centered on section 24, where he has fifty-six acres of land, on which he has placed an ample set of buildings, and made other excellent improvements.

Michael Kroft, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, while his father, Henry Kroft, was a native of Germany, and on coming to America, when a young man, located in the Keystone State, where he followed his trade of a shoemaker until his decease. Michael Kroft came to this county in an early period of its history, and during the War of 1812 served as a soldier in that struggle. He was a blacksmith by trade, which line of business he followed from the age of sixteen to sixty years. On taking up his abode in this township, he opened up a shop on section 25, and performed work for the settlers for miles around his home. Wild game of all kinds was plentiful, and squirrels, especially, were so numerous that one could almost knock them from the trees with clubs. The father was an energetic and upright citizen, and at his death, which occurred when past eighty-eight years of age, he had reached a good position in a financial way, and during his residence in this county demonstrated his work as a man and a citizen. Religiously, he was identified with the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which he laid aside the cares of life and entered into rest. In politics, he was a Democrat.

Our subject's mother bore the maiden name of Mary Lichtenwalter, and was a native of Pennsylvania, whence she was brought to this county by her parents when eighteen months old. By her union with Michael Kroft, she became the mother of three children: William (our subject), Elizabeth (Mrs. Sponseller) and Susannah (Mrs. Shoultz). The mother died in her seventy-eighth year, and, like her husband, was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church.

He whose name introduces this sketch was reared to manhood on section 25, and amid the surroundings of rural life early learned lessons of practical skill and persistent industry, and in the schools of the neighborhood acquired an understanding in the ordinary branches of study. When sixteen years of age, he was apprenticed to learn the wagon-maker's trade, which business he followed for ten years on the old home place, and in which work he was fairly successful.

In 1871, William Kroft and Miss Elizabeth Deckard were united in marriage; the lady was born in this township, and for a sketch of her family the reader is referred to the biography of Henry Deckard, her brother, elsewhere in this volume. To Mr. and Mrs. Kroft have been born four children: Jasper, Morena, Ida May and Mary J. Our subject purchased his present farm of fifty-six acres in 1876, and is now successfully engaged in mixed farming, keeping on his place good grades of stock. His present large frame residence was erected in 1884, and his substantial barn in 1889. Mrs. Kroft is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has hosts of warm friends in this vicinity. Politically speaking, our subject is a sound Democrat, and favors all things that will in any way elevate society and contribute to the happiness and well-being of the people.

JOSEPH A. REED, County Recorder, and a resident of Canton, has spent his entire life in Stark County. He was born in Plain Township, on the 29th of May, 1855, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Wise) Reed, both of whom are natives of the Buckeye State. He is a representative of two of the early families of this county. His paternal grandfather, John Reed, settled here in 1815, and his maternal grandfather, Adam Wise, was also numbered among the pioneers. The parents of our subject are still residents of Canton.

Joseph is the eldest of their five children. He acquired his early education in the city schools and afterward entered the High School. On completing his literary education, he pursued a business course of study in Duff's Commercial College, of Pittsburgh, Pa., during the winter of 1872–73. He was now fitted to enter upon a business career,

and sought and secured a position with the Wrought Iron Bridge Company, serving in the capacity of book-keeper for a period of four years. He then began business on his own account as a nurseryman, in which he is still engaged. He was afterward appointed Deputy Clerk in the County Treasurer's office and served in that capacity for several years. In the autumn of 1891, he was elected County Recorder on the Republican ticket for a term of three years and entered upon the discharge of his duties on the 4th of January, 1892.

The lady who is now Mrs. Reed was, in her maidenhood, Miss Ida A. Lupher, of Canton, daughter of John Lupher. Their marriage was celebrated in 1875, and has been blessed with three children, namely: Ruth O., Howard R., and Florence.

Mr. Reed's election to the office of County Recorder was strong evidence of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him, for the county is Democratic. He has displayed good ability in the faithful performance of his duties thus far, and will, no doubt, prove one of the most able Recorders that Stark County has ever known. He is held in high regard throughout the community and those who have known him from his boyhood and witnessed his entire career are among his stanchest friends.

HON. WILLIAM J. PIERO, ex-Mayor, and an able lawyer of Canton, doing business at No. 8 North Market Street, was born in the city which is still his home September 8, 1852, and was the fourth son and fifth child in a family of eight children, whose parents were Francis and Julia Ann (Krantz) Piero. The father was born in Alsace, France, and the mother in Hesse, Germany. The former emigrated to America in 1833, landing in New York City, whence he came to Canton. For many years he was interested in the boot and shoe business, but in 1860 sold out and embarked in the bakery and confectionery business, which he carried on in Canton until 1880. He then sold out and retired from active business life. He was born November 3, 1820, and his wife in June of the same year. Both are still living, and are well-known residents of Canton.

We now take up the personal history of our subject, who, on leaving school, secured a position as office boy with Judge S. Meyer, with whom he remained two years. He then engaged in clerking in a clothing store for two years, after which he returned to the office of Judge Meyer and began reading law. He was admitted to the Bar in September, 1874, after which he remained in the office of his former preceptor and his son, with whom he practiced until 1875, when he was elected Justice of the Peace on the Democratic ticket, serving for a term of three years. At the expiration of that time, he entered into partnership with C. Turenne Meyer, under the firm name of Meyer & Piero, and with him successfuly participated in practice until March, 1885.

On the 20th of December, 1883, Mr. Piero was married to Miss Minnie T. Tyler, of Canton, daughter of Dominic Tyler, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diebold Safe & Lock Company in Canton. The lady was born in Newport, Ky., and with her parents came to Canton when about two years of age. They reside at No. 15 East Fourth Street, and are numbered among the leading citizens of the community, where they have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

As the financial resources of Mr. Piero have increased, he has made judicious investments in various enterprises and is now interested in many leading business concerns of Canton. He is connected with the Canton Combination Lock Company, President of the Canton Fertilizing Company and Director of the Canton Buggy Company, the Crystal Spring Ice Company, the Ohio Volks Zeitung Company and the Canton Board of Trade. He had no special advantages in his youth, in fact, began to earn his own livelihood at a very early age, but he has overcome the obstacles and difficulties in his path and worked his way upward to a position of affluence.

For two terms, from 1881 to 1885, Mr. Piero served as Mayor of Canton, having been elected on the Democratic ticket, and during his administration some valuable improvements were made in the city. The Market House was erected, also the City Hall, which is a fire-proof structure, and the city engine house. When his term of service expired, he resumed the private practice of law, to which he now devotes his energies. He is an able practitioner, his arguments are logical and convincing, his speech fluent, and thereby his success has been attained.

GEORGE PHILLIPS. There are various reasons why this gentleman deserves representation in a volume of a biographical nature. First, he is an old settler of Stark County, and has spent the greater part of his life in assisting in its progress in divers ways; second, from the position of a poor youth he has risen to that of a man of solid finances; third, he has a character and a reputation second to none, and will leave to his posterity a legacy of honor far better than the silver and gold which he has won. He is at present residing in Plain Township and is familiarly known as the "pioneer blacksmith."

We find that our subject was born in Adams County, Pa., December 28, 1812, and is the son of Jacob Phillips, also a native of the Keystone State. Grandfather George Phillips was born in Russia and coming to America prior to the Revolutionary War, located in the above-named county, where he lived to attain the advanced age of ninety-six years. Jacob Phillips was a carpenter in early life, and after devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits, became the possessor of two good estates in Adams County, comprising one hundred and sixty and eighty acres, respectively. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and died in his native county in 1819. He was a Catholic in religion, and very active in church affairs.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Coe) Phillips, the mother of our subject, was also a native of Adams County, Pa., and became the mother of a large family of eleven children, nine of whom grew to mature years and of whom our subject is the only surviving member. The wife and mother lived to the advanced age of eighty years and was a devoted member of the Catholic Church.

George Phillips of this sketch grew to mature years on the home farm and received his education in the subscription schools of that day. When reaching his eighteenth year, he learned the blacksmith's trade, and after serving a three-years apprenticeship, worked for $20 per month for two years. In May, 1832, determined to find out what was in store for him in the Buckeye State, young Phillips traveled on foot to this county, averaging thirty-five miles per day. Halting in the then village of Canton, he worked at his trade until the following year, when he took a trip to Wooster, Mansfield, Columbus and other cities, in search of employment, but was not very successful. Returning to Canton, he went from there to Pennsylvania and subsequently coming to this State, he was variously employed until 1838, when he erected a blacksmith shop near where the depot of the Cleveland, Canton & Southern Railroad now stands. This he operated for nearly a quarter of a century and was known far and wide for his excellent workmanship.

March 3, 1836, Miss Eliza Leininger, who was born in Canton, December 28, 1816, became the wife of our subject. She was the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Lesh) Leininger, natives of Pennsylvania, who became identified with the interests of Stark County in a very early day. To Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have been born eight children, namely: Elizabeth, Belinda, Henry E., Miranda V., Charles M., Lettie, Mary E. and George E. Our subject located upon his present farm in Plain Township in 1856, when sixty acres of the tract had been cleared. He has placed the remainder of it under most excellent cultivation and was engaged in mixed farming until 1885, when his son, George E., took charge of the estate, and is managing it in a most profitable manner. The tract comprises one hundred and seventy-one

and one-half acres and contains all the buildings and machinery which go to make a first-class estate.

Mr. Phillips is what may truly be termed a self-made man, and when he landed in Stark County, he had but $10 in money, but being endowed with mental ability, physical strength and sturdiness of character, made his way in the world and is now living retired from active labors and enjoying the fruits of those early years of toil. He is a member of the German Reformed Church and is well known throughout the county, where he is not only influential but popular, possessing the social qualities and traits of character which win and keep friends. He was brought up to believe in the principles of the Whig party, and, what naturally follows, now votes the Republican ticket.

GEORGE REX is the General Manager of the Holloway Paving Brick Company of Canton. This is one of the leading industries of the city, and our subject is recognized as one of the prominent business men. His life record is as follows: He was born in this city April 26, 1842, in the home which was also his father's birthplace, and is the eldest son of John P. and Mary A. (Reed) Rex. His grandfather, Jacob Rex, was a native of Pennsylvania, and with his family emigrated to Stark County, Ohio, in 1807. By trade he was a tailor, and throughout the greater part of his life followed that business, and was a man highly respected throughout the community. For many years the father of our subject was one of the leading tailors of Canton. He died in 1881, in the sixty-third year of his age. His wife passed away two years later, at the age of sixty-two. Her father, John Reed, also removed from Pennsylvania and became one of the pioneer settlers of this county.

In the public schools of his native city, our subject acquired his education, and at the age of eighteen began learning the trade of a machinist in the works of C. Aultman & Company. He remained with that company for twenty-five years, and no higher testimonial to his faithful service could be given than the statement of this fact, which at once indicates his fidelity to duty and the trust reposed in him by his employers. In 1862, however, he laid aside all business cares and donning the blue, became a member of Company B, One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Infantry under Col. Lucy. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, and was principally engaged in guarding depots on the Chattanooga Railroad. After three years' service, he was honorably discharged at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Mr. Rex immediately returned to Canton, and resumed work in the Aultman shops. In 1867, he was made inspector of the finishing department, and two years later was made foreman of that department. In 1874, he became Assistant Superintendent of the works, serving in that capacity for nine years. He then began business for himself as proprietor of a grocery and meat market, and afterward engaged in the manufacture of harness and handled leather largely. To that business he devoted his energies until 1890, and was quite successful. He then sold out and began the manufacture of paving and building brick. As before stated, he is now General Manager of the Holloway Paving Brick Company. Their plant is located four miles south of Canton, and the machinery used is of the best and most highly improved, being operated by steam. They also use the Udalia kiln, and the brick manufactured is of a superior quality. Employment is furnished to about forty men, and the business is large and constantly increasing.

In 1878, Mr. Rex married Miss Alice M. Kanage, of Wilmot, Ohio, daughter of Isaac Kanage. Two children grace their union, Ralph and Ella. They have a pleasant home at No. 195 South Plum Street, and are always ready to welcome their friends, who are many.

In politics, Mr. Rex is a stalwart Republican. He was elected and served as Mayor for one term, was a member of the City Council one term and also served on the School Board. Socially, he is

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a member of Canton Post No. 25, G. A. R. Mr. Rex is alike true to every public and private trust and has won the confidence and high regard of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact. His life has been a successful one and he well deserves the prosperity which has crowned his efforts.

JOHN DANNER. Distinguished among the most extensive and prominent manufacturing concerns of Canton, Ohio, is that operated by the John Danner Manufacturing Company, located on Navarre Street, on the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad, where they manufacture revolving book cases, store stools, drug cabinets, etc. The company occupies fine, large, new frame buildings, 50x182 feet in dimensions, and fitted throughout with the very latest appliances and all the machinery modern science and inventive genius afford for the production of their line of manufacture. The building contains three floors and is well arranged as to light and other facilities. In their various departments, they employ from seventy-five to one hundred workmen, skilled and trained in the business, whom they keep busily engaged in the manufacture, packing and shipping of their goods to all parts of the Union. The Danner Revolving Book Cases were the first practical articles of the kind ever patented, and all others gotten out later are gross infringements of the same.

This case is the lightest and yet strongest made, will hold more than any other that occupies the same space, is made of the best quality of well-seasoned wood, and is finished by competent workmen to correspond with the finest office or parlor furniture, and the prices are the cheapest ever offered the public, considering capacity and finish. This company also manufactures book shelves and racks, revolving office cases, revolving drug cases, drug cabinets and store stools, all of which are first-class in material, workmanship and finish. The officers of the company are John Danner, President; C. B. Campbell, Superintendent; J. F. Campbell, Treasurer, and J. M. Danner, Secretary. The firm was first established in 1876, by John Danner, for the manufacture of the book cases of which he is the inventor, and since that time it has been increasing its products of manufacture and its trade facilities until to-day it is one of the first manufacturing institutions in importance in the city. The honorable business methods which have always characterized the transactions of the John Danner Manufacturing Company have secured to this house a large trade and have had the effect of drawing trade to this city which would otherwise have sought other trade centers.

John Danner, the efficient President of this flourishing institution, is a native of Canton, his birth occurring on the 10th of March, 1823, and the reputation which he enjoys is not only that of a substantial and progessive business man, but of an intelligent and thoroughly posted man on all public affairs. He is the only son born to Jacob and Anna (Slusser) Danner, both natives of the grand old State of Pennsylvania, the former born in the year 1795, and the latter April 1, 1803. The mother was a daughter of Philip Slusser, and the Slusser family was among the pioneers of Canton, and Philip Slusser in 1816 built the first mill in Stark County. The father of our subject was born in Centre County, Pa., and was married to Miss Slusser in Canton, in 1821, having come here in 1816, while single. His demise occurred in 1845, while the mother survived until 1885. They became the parents of two children, a son and daughter, and the latter, Harriet, became the wife of Joseph S. Saxton.

John Danner was reared and educated in his native city, part of the time attending the private school taught by T. M. Hopkins, a Presbyterian minister, from whom he gained much valuable knowledge. He began his business career as a clerk in the dry-goods store of Martin Wikidal, with whom he remained four years. After that, he went to Massillon and clerked four years In 1865, in company with John R. Bucher, he started what is called the Canton Stove Works, but, not liking the business, sold out at the end of one

year. After this, he embarked in the clothing and dry-goods business, which he carried on until 1876, when he disposed of his stock. During the same year, he invented and patented what is known as the John Danner Revolving Book Case, and manufactured the same for two years in a small way, only about forty men being employed, but the strong, steady growth of the trade of the house reached such dimensions that it necessitated removal to more extensive and convenient premises to cope with the increased demand. In 1890, they removed to their present site. They sell direct to the trade throughout the United States and they also have a large trade in Montreal, Canada. Some of Mr. Danner's cases are sent to Paris, France; and London, England, besides other countries. So great is the demand for these goods that it is with great difficulty that they can fill the orders as they come in.

On the 4th of October, 1847, Mr. Danner married Miss Terressa A. Millard, a native of Tioga County, Pa., born July 24, 1828. She is the daughter of William J. and Betsy J. (Ball) Millard, both natives of Onondaga County, N. Y., who after their marriage removed to Tioga County, Pa. William J. Millard was a soldier in the War of 1812, and received an honorable discharge. Col. Ball, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Danner, also served in the War of 1812. He distinguished himself in several engagements and his regiment did good service in many sanguinary battles. Mrs. Danner had two brothers who served in the War of the Rebellion; thus it will be seen that she is descended from a long line of patriotic ancestry. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Danner, as follows: Anna died aged two years; Mary E., at home; Julia A., wife of L. M. Jones, attorney at Canton; Harriet N., wife of J. F. Campbell; Edith R., wife of S. S. C. Gaskell, of Canton; John N. in his father's office, and Almina T., wife of Charles M. Bawsel, residing at Columbus. Mr. Danner served six years as a member of the City Council and six years as a member of the School Board. He and his wife hold membership in the First Baptist Church, having joined the same in 1842 and 1847, respectively, and Mr. Danner was Superintendent of the Sunday-school for twenty years, also teacher of the Bible Class. He was formerly a Republican in politics but is now a Prohibitionist of the most pronounced character. He is deeply interested in all temperance work and has distributed over fifty thousand tracts and circulars touching on this question. He has always been found on the side of law and morality, believing in one Government, and one flag, and that the Stars and Stripes. He resides at No. 84 South Market Street and has a large frame residence, elegantly and tastefully furnished.

CYRUS ZOLLARS. Among the many remunerative farms in Stark County, that of Mr. Zollars, on section 24, Prairie Township, is noticeable for the air of neatness and order which prevails and the value of the improvements which have been made upon it. It comprises one hundred and twenty-three acres, which, under careful and intelligent handling, produce abundantly and afford a profitable maintenance and some provision for a rainy day.

Mr. Zollars, who is an ex-County Commissioner, is a native of Harrison County, this State, having been born February 14, 1817, to John and Frances (Hahn) Zollars, natives of Pennsylvania. The ancestors of our subject on both sides were of German origin, and his maternal grandfather, John Hahn, is said to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War. John Zollars, the father of our subject, emigrated with his family from his native State to Harrison County, Ohio, about 1815. After a residence there of a number of years, he, in 1836, took up his abode in this county, locating with his family about four miles south of Canton, where they were among the first settlers.

Of the six children comprised in the parental family, we make the following mention: Daniel and Enoch reside in Iowa; John makes his home in Henry County, this State; Cyrus was the fourth in order of birth; David is living in Canton, this State; Agnes, the widow of Peter Brothers, makes

her home in Missouri. The elder Mr. Zollars took an active part in all local affairs and served his fellow-townsmen as a Trustee for some time. He was a hard-working, industrious man, and at the time of his decease, which occurred in Harrison County in 1859, he left a comfortable property.

Our subject was reared to manhood in the above-named county, and has performed his full share of pioneer work. He has always followed the occupation of a farmer, having been thoroughly drilled by his excellent father to perform all those duties which make farming a profitable business. He received his education in the log schoolhouse of that period, whose primitive furnishings have been so often described in this book, and although the advantages were not such as are offered the youth of to-day, he made the best of them and now ranks among the intelligent and cultured farmers of this county.

May 26, 1842, Mr. Zollars was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Miller, who was born in this township, April 21, 1825. She is the daughter of George and Anne (Bucher) Miller, natives of the Keystone State. Her paternal grandfather, George Miller, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and a prominent man in his locality. The father of Mrs. Zollars came to this county with his parents when a lad of fourteen years, and they were classed among the early settlers of Pe ry Township. By his marriage with Miss Bucher, he became the father of eight children, six of whom are living, viz: Mrs. Zollars; William; Caroline, the wife of John Deckard; Lewis; Jonathan; and Eliza, Mrs. Samuel Hammond. The father, who was a Captain in the militia at an early day, died in this township in 1870.

To Mr. and Mrs. Zollars have been born eight children, six of whom are living: Lewis; Ellen, Mrs. Benjamin Schweir; Marshall; Ada, Mrs. August Demeusy; Clara, Mrs. James Schreffler; and John. George and Franklin were soldiers in the late Civil War, the latter of whom died from the effects of a wound received at Nashville, Tenn., and George died while at home on a furlough. Lewis, the eldest son, was also in the war, but returned home unharmed.

In the spring of 1865, Mr. Zollars of this sketch located upon the farm where he is at present residing, and which his industry and good management have placed under excellent cultivation. Like his father before him, he was very prominent in local affairs and while a resident of Canton Township served as its Trustee, and for three years was County Commissioner. He is a true-blue Republican in politics and contributes liberally of his means to forward all those measures which have for their object the upbuilding of his community. His wife, to whom he has been married for a half-century, is a member of the Baptist Church, to which denomination he also belongs, and they are now passing the declining years of their life in the enjoyment of peace and plenty.

Daniel Zollars, a brother of our subject, is now in his eighty-fifth year and makes his home in Ottumwa, Iowa, where he celebrated his golden wedding in 1881. Another brother, Enoch Zollars, makes his home in Preston, Iowa, has been married sixty-two years, and has now attained his eighty-second year. John Zollars was married to his first wife forty-three years when she died. His brother David resides in Canton, this State, and has been married thirty-six years.

Our subject has for many years been prominently identified with the Stark County Agricultural Society and served as one of its Directors for some time. He has also held the position of Vice-president in that body.

In social affairs, Mr. Zollars is an influential member of Perry Grange No. 694, at Massillon, and in that body has been Master and Deputy State Master of the lodge. He is a man of broad intelligence, not only in regard to matters connected with his chosen calling, but on all topics of general interest. As a citizen, he is reliable; in his business relations, honorable, and in his social and domestic life kindly and considerate. It is doubtful if Stark County contains an aged citizen more highly respected than our subject, and there are many who hope years will elapse before he shall be gathered to his fathers.

Frederick Zollars, the deceased brother of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, December 11, 1801. He was a lad of twelve years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Harri-

son County, this State, where he made his home until 1832, and then took up his abode in Licking County. In 1868, he disposed of his interests in that section and removed to Macon, where were living several of his children. He was the father of eleven children, six of whom survive, by his marriage with Miss Anne Whitmore, which occurred November 27, 1823. The offspring at the present time numbers thirty-five grandchildren, thirty-four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Mr. Zollars, who was one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Macon, died at his home March 13, 1890, leaving a large circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn his loss. He was a man of vigorous constitution and was very seldom sick until the infirmities of old age began to develop. He belonged to a family noted for their longevity, the aggregate ages of his five brothers and one sister being five hundred and thirteen years. He was a man of deep religious convictions and enjoyed the confidence and was well thought of by the entire community. He was married over sixty-three years.

JACOB R. SCHLAGEL, Business Manager of the *Daily and Weekly Massillonian*, was born in Keene, Coshocton County, Ohio, January 9, 1863, a son of Christian and Christine (Schweitzer) Schlagel, who were born in Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany, and Philadelphia, Pa., respectively. Christian Schlagel came to America when a young man, and located first at Albany, N. Y., and a few years later in Coshocton County, Ohio, where he first followed his trade of a miller, and later turned his attention to farming. He finally became a resident of Millersburgh, Holmes County, Ohio, but is now living in retirement at Easton, Ohio, at the age of seventy-eight years. He is an active Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran Church. His father was Superintendent of some twelve hundred acres of forest land in Germany which belonged to King William, and held this position for many years. He died when past ninety years of age. The maternal grandfather, Michael Schweitzer, was born in Germany, but when a young man came to the United States, and located near Philadelphia, where he worked at his trade of fancy carpet-weaving. At a later period, he removed to Coshocton County, Ohio, and, in addition to working at his trade, devoted considerable attention to fruit-growing. His daughter, Mrs. Schlagel, is now sixty-six years of age.

The subject of this sketch was reared in Coshocton and Holmes Counties, Ohio, and obtained a fair education in the union schools near his home. At the age of fifteen years, he was apprenticed to a barber at Millersburgh, and at the end of two years was a thorough master of the trade. May 30, 1880, he came to Massillon to fill a position as barber, and one year later started in business for himself on Erie Street, and finally opened an establishment at the corner of Erie and Main Streets, which was the largest establishment of the kind in the city. He was a thorough master of the tonsorial art, and his establishment was patronized by all the leading business men of the city. January 1, 1890, he was one of the organizers of the Massillon Printing and Publishing Company, and also established the *Massillonian*, a daily and weekly paper, of which he was city editor for seven months. He was then chosen Business Manager, Secretary and Treasurer, and for these positions has proven himself well qualified. The *Massillonian* is a bright and newsy sheet, is Democratic in its political sentiments and sympathies, and is published both daily and weekly. Besides the publication of the *Massillonian*, the office does a large amount of job work, and has every facility for turning out elegant work. Mr. Schlagel is one of the stockholders and Directors of the same.

October 3, 1883, he was married to Miss Ada Sibila, who was born, reared and educated in Stark County, a daughter of the late John Sibila, a prominent old merchant of this place. They have two children, Ivan and John. Mr. Schlagel is interested in the political affairs of his section, and served two terms of two years each as a member of the City Council from the Second Ward, finishing

his last term in 1891. He has passed all the chairs in the Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of the National Union. He is a prominent German-American citizen, keeps abreast with the progress of the times, and he has made a record for himself in the annals of his adopted country as an able newspaper manager.

SQUIRE WASHINGTON GUEST. To no class of her citizens is Stark County more indebted for her present standing and wealth than to her native-born sons, who long ago began to aid their sires in laying the solid foundation of enduring posterity and to-day are active in helping to extend her interests in various directions. Among these is our subject, who is one of the earliest-born within the borders of Stark County and who has become one of the principal farmers and stock-growers in Pike Township, where he has a large and well-ordered farm.

The birth of our subject occurred in this county, November 12, 1819. He is the son of Squire Pitney Guest, who was born in New Jersey, September 19, 1783. A distant ancestor of the family emigrated to America when a young man and located in New Jersey, where he carried on his occupation of a farmer and was married. Pitney Guest followed the combined vocation of shoemaker and farmer, and February 14, 1812, made the journey across the mountains with a team and wagon to the Buckeye State and was ranked among its pioneer settlers. He was poor in this world's goods and when locating here made his home for a time on school land, on section 16, Pike Township, where he resided for three years. He then entered eighty acres of land from the Government, upon which he erected a rude log cabin and began the arduous task of clearing the tract from the timber. Indians and wild animals were very numerous and wolves often made night about the cabin hideous with their howls.

The father of our subject was drafted into the War of 1812, but before being mustered into service peace was declared. Although not on the field of battle, he rendered his country efficient service by caring for soldiers who came to his home barefooted and often wounded and sick. He met a violent death August 9, 1856, when in his seventy-second year, by a runaway team. The lady whom he married bore the name of Catherine Miller; she was born in New Jersey, May 26, 1782, and became the mother of seven children, namely: Mary A., Jessie, Lydia, Hester, Jephtha, our subject and Harriet, the two latter of whom are the only members surviving. The mother lived to an advanced age, and died January 29, 1874, at the age of ninety-three years. She was a member of the Baptist Church, in which congregation her husband preached for some time and aided materially in the establishment of the church in this community. He was a Whig politically and served as Justice of the Peace in Pike Township for twenty-one years, being the first to hold that office.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Benjamin Miller, was a native of Holland and on emigrating to America made his home in New Jersey, where he met and married his wife. He came to this county with Pitney Guest in 1812, and made his home on section 16 of this township. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving through that entire struggle under Gen. Greene. He also was a member of the Baptist Church and died when in his seventieth year.

He of whom we write was educated in the district schools and during the intervals of study aided his father on the farm. At the early age of seventeen years, he began teaching school, and was thus engaged for eighteen winters, working on the farm during the summer season. When ready to establish a home of his own, he was married, in 1845, to Miss Ellen Collins, who was born in Tuscarawas County, December 28, 1831, and to them have been eight children, namely: Osborn P., Martha, Olive, Cora, Elmer, Katie A., George W. and Ida.

On the death of his father, our subject took charge of the old homestead, of which he is now the possessor. His property includes a quarter-sec-

tion of excellent land, which, under the supervision of his eldest son, is made to blossom as the rose. Besides raising the cereals, he devotes considerable attention to breeding good grades of domestic animals. His good wife died February 14, 1878; she was a most estimable and intelligent lady and a member of the United Brethren Church.

In his political relations, Mr. Guest is a true-blue Republican, and is a strong believer in the principles of protection as advocated by McKinley. He was elected Justice of the Peace in the fall of 1870, and was the incumbent of the position for nine years. He was elected to serve as County Commissioner for three years and has been Township Trustee for some time and Assessor for ten years. He has been an eye-witness of the marvelous growth of this section within the past few years and has done his full share of hard pioneer work. He is one of the oldest settlers in this township and was one of the promoters of the Pike Township Mutual Insurance Company, which was organized in February, 1878. He was at that time elected its President and has held the position ever since. The company now extends over eight townships and carries about $2,000,000 in risks. Mr. Guest has not only won honor as a successful farmer and financier, but by reason of his character and long and useful labors holds a place in the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

PAUL FIELD, who holds the position of Secretary of the Canton Water Works, of Canton, was born on the 4th of January, 1842, in Akron, Summit County, Ohio. Little is known concerning the founding of the family in this country except that the Fields are of Welsh descent. The grandfather of our subject was Asa Field, and the father of Paul also bore the same name. The latter was a native of Vermont, and married Catherine Cady, who was born in Middlebury, of the Green Mountain State. He was a druggist, and for many years followed that business in Akron, Ohio, where he had located in 1835. He there continued to make his home until called to his final rest in 1866. The mother is still living and makes her home in Tiffin, Ohio, with a sister.

Our subject is the eldest of the four living children born unto this worthy couple. He was educated in the city schools and the High School of Akron, and his boyish days were quietly spent under the parental roof. He entered upon his business career as a clerk in the mills of Akron, and later obtained a position as engineer of a steam fire engine. Prompted by patriotic impulses, he donned the blue in 1862, and became a member of Company H, One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Infantry. The regiment, commanded by Col. J. W. Riley, of Wellsville, Ohio, was sent to Kentucky, and thence to Eastern Tennessee. They then took part in the Georgia campaign, marching on to Jonesboro, after which the troops returned to Nashville and met Hood's army in battle. They afterward went to Ft. Fisher, N. C.; then marched through that State and were present at the surrender of Johnson's army at Greensboro. Mr. Field remained in the service three years as a valiant defender of the old flag under which he had enlisted, and on the expiration of his term, received his discharge, in June, 1865.

The country no longer needing his services, our subject then returned to his native city and entered a flouring mill, where he served as clerk. He also had charge of the fire engines of Akron for two years. It was in 1868 that Mr. Field came to Canton and took charge of the fire engines of this city. That position he filled for ten years, then became reporter on the Canton *Repository* one year, when he became connected with the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, of which he was shipping clerk for a year. In 1883, he received the appointment of Secretary of the Canton Water Works, which position he has since filled, having entire charge of all the office work.

In the year 1865, Mr. Field was married to Miss Fidelia, daughter of James McConnaughy, and a native of Pennsylvania. Their union was celebrated in Akron, and unto them has been born a daughter, Dora G., who is now a student in the

Business College of Canton. The family resides at No. 29 Lawrence Avenue. They have many friends in the community and rank high in the social circles in which they move.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Field is a Democrat, and has been a member of the City Council. He was also elected Trustee of the Water Works, and so faithfully did he perform his duties that he received a re-election. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of Canton Post, G. A. R. For almost ten years, he has been Secretary of the Canton Water Works and his retention in office is a high testimonial to his ability and his fidelity to the duties of the position.

JOSEPH GRAPEWINE, an enterprising and progressive citizen of Massillon, occupies a responsible position as foreman of Reed & Co.'s Glass Works. He was born in Camden, N. J., July 7, 1849, and is a son of Edward Grapewine, who in turn was a son of Job Grapewine, also a native of that State and of English descent. The latter-named gentleman was occupied during his lifetime in manufacturing large clay pots, which were used in melting glass. He was a patriot in the War of 1812, and occupied a prominent position in this community.

The father of our subject, who was a window-glass cutter in New Jersey, in 1854 removed to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was similarly engaged. In 1870, however, he moved Westward and was engaged in farming and stock-raising in Clarence, Shelby County, Mo., where he is at present residing. He was a strong Abolitionist and was prominent in the operations of the underground railway. He casts his political influence at the present time with the Republican party.

Our subject's mother bore the maiden name of Sophia Griner, and was the daughter of Nicholas Griner, also a native of New Jersey. The latter was engaged in the manufacture of glass, and his father, who also bore the name of Nicholas, emigrated from his native land, Holland, with the first glass-blowers who came to America, and established a factory in Boston and later in New Jersey. Our subject is the eldest in a family of eight children, six of whom are living, and was reared to mature years in Pittsburgh, where he received his education in a night school. When nine years of age, he began work in a glass factory, and was probably the youngest apprentice in that line of work. In 1864, he enlisted in the Union army, and, at the expiration of his term of service, was mustered out on Governor's Island, N. Y., by special order of President Lincoln, who thought him too young to be in the army.

When returning from the war, young Grapewine completed his trade, and in 1870 went into business for himself. Removing to Xenia, this State, he built the first tank-furnace in America, and remained in the glass business there for a twelvemonth. Then removing to Jamestown, he abandoned his trade, and for three terms served as City Marshal, and later was for six years detective for the Dayton & South Eastern and the Pennsylvania Railroads. In 1880, our subject came to Massillon and immediately entered the employ of Reed & Co. Four years later, he went to Wellington, this State, and built the Wellington Glass Factory, of which he was President and Superintendent for two years. Disposing of his interests at the end of that time, he superintended and afterward managed the Minerva Glass Works of Minerva, Ohio, and a year later returned to this city and again entered the employ of Reed & Co.

Mr. Grapewine has always been very prominent in local affairs, and in 1886 was a candidate for nomination for Mayor on the Republican ticket, but was defeated by a small majority. He was favorably recommended by many of the prominent men of this State for the position of Commissioner of Labor Statistics, but failed to get it. In 1889, he purchased the Waverly House, at the corner of Railroad and Erie Streets, which he remodeled and operated as "mine host" for two years very successfully. He has since leased his hotel, and now devotes his time and attention to the duties of his position as foreman in a glass factory. Our sub-

ject, in 1889, was married to Mrs. Ella (Werling) McConnell, who is a native of this place, and by her former marriage were born two children, Harvey and Nellie. Mr. Grapewine by a previous marriage had one son, Elsworth, who has been an actor since fifteen years of age.

He of whom we write is a member of the United Glass Works Association, of which organization he has been Vice-president. He is also identified with the Trades of Labor Assembly, of which he was one of the organizers, and has always voted the straight Republican ticket in politics. He is an active worker in the ranks of that party, and for twenty-two years has served on the county committee, and has acted as delegate to county and State conventions. He is a Grand Army man, and as such is identified with the post in Wellington.

JAMES ROBERTSON. The gratifying success that has crowned the efforts of the life of our subject is the more noticeable and praiseworthy because of the few opportunities afforded him in the earlier days for that training and help which are sometimes considered absolutely indispensable for a start in life. In the case before us, Mr. Robertson is one of that worthy class of whom many representatives are to be found in this county, and who are perhaps best designated by the term of self-made.

Our subject is one of the prominent old settlers of this county, having been born in that part of Sandy Township which is now included in Carroll County, September 22, 1821. He is the son of Denny Robertson, a native of Ireland, where he was reared and married. He, however, emigrated to America with his family in 1818, and located in Pennsylvania where he remained for three years, and then came overland to this county. He entered a tract of Government land in the wilderness, and at one time owned five hundred and sixty acres of valuable real estate. He was a hard worker, a good financier, and although when he came hither his worldly possessions were few, he became one of the wealthy and prominent residents of his community. He died in his forty-sixth year, and was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. The Whig party found in him an earnest advocate, and the people of his township one who was always ready and willing to contribute both time and money toward its welfare.

The mother of our subject, prior to her marriage, was Miss Ellen McConkey, also a native of the Emerald Isle. She reared a family of seven children, viz: John, a mute, who was educated at Columbus; William, Margaret, Robert and our subject (twins), David and Eliza J. The wife and mother, who was also a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, died at the early age of thirty-six years.

James, of this sketch, remained on the farm with his parents until the death of his father, when he was taken into the home of his uncle, Squire John Robertson, where he remained until reaching his sixteenth year. The educational privileges which he enjoyed were very brief, being confined to attendance a short time at the pioneer log schoolhouse near his home. Having worked out on different farms by the month and year for some time, young Robertson was soon enabled to own property of his own, and in 1846 located on the farm where he still makes his home.

December 2, 1847, James Robertson and Margaret Sickafoose, also a native of Sandy Township, were married. Their family of seven children are Denny S.; James H., a lawyer of prominence in Canton; Andrew, Laura V., Eleanor, Mary and Carrie. They also had three children who are deceased. On locating on his present farm, Mr. Robertson found only a log cabin and barn. He immediately commenced the work of improving, and now has one of the finest estates in the county. He is engaged in mixed farming, and makes a specialty of breeding Clydesdale horses, Short-horn cattle and Merino sheep, from which branch of agriculture he reaps a handsome income. Mr. Robertson erected his comfortable residence in 1853, and in 1883 built a large barn. His estate includes four hundred and thirty acres of valuable land, which

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is embellished with the necessary outbuildings for the storage of machinery, grain and the shelter of stock. He has always been earnestly interested in the public good, and is known far and wide as a man of unswerving probity, whose word is never doubted and whose relations with his fellow-men are always of the most kindly nature. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and although in no sense an office-seeker, is interested in the welfare of the party in this section.

J. H. TRESSEL, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Alliance, has been engaged in practice in this city since the spring of 1874, and by his skill and ability has won an extensive and lucrative practice. He is well versed in everything pertaining to the science of medicine and surgery, keeps abreast with all the latest discoveries, and holds high rank among his professional brethren.

The Doctor was born in Carroll County, Ohio, March 17, 1837. The Tressel family was originally of English origin, but some ancestors of our subject fled as exiles from England to Germany, and thence came to America. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in England, and became an early settler of Pennsylvania. The maternal grandfather was an officer in the Revolutionary War and in the War of 1812, and the Doctor has the sword which he carried. The great-grandfather was a soldier in the regular army of Germany, and after serving his term, the King sent for him to be one of his body-guards, but this he refused to do, and was thus forced to flee to America in order to save his life. With his family, he departed in the night, leaving all his property behind him except what he could carry. Through the influence of friends, he secured a vessel, and was under sail before daylight. He landed in Philadelphia, and located in Washington County, Pa. The father of our subject followed the vocation of farming, was very successful, and became quite a prominent man. In an early day, he served as an officer in the militia. His death occurred in Carroll County, Ohio.

The subject of this sketch was one of five sons and five daughters, six of whom are now living. He was reared on a farm, and attended the district schools. His father died when he was only thirteen years of age, and, being the eldest in the family at home, he was compelled to remain on the farm and aid his mother in taking care of the children. Unselfishly he devoted his energies to this work until twenty-two years of age, when he entered Mt. Union College, from which he was graduated in 1859. In order to pay his tuition, he engaged in teaching through his vacations. He then began reading medicine with Dr. S. F. Rookenbrod, of Carroll County, Ohio, and at the same time was a teacher in Malvern Academy.

In 1861, Dr. Tressel enrolled his name as a member of Company A, Eightieth Ohio Infantry, and while on his way to enlist, he met with a serious accident. His horse became frightened and threw him and the buggy over an embankment, breaking his left leg. This prevented his entering the service for a time. In the winter of 1862, he entered the Western Reserve University of Cleveland, where he took his first course of medical lectures, and in the winter of 1863 was graduated from that college. It was his intention to locate at Malvern, but instead he went to Cincinnati, was examined and sent to Paducah, Ky., where he was on detached service. The day previous to the battle, he was sent to Pittsburgh Landing. He was present at the battles of Corinth and Iuka, and followed the Eightieth Ohio Regiment to Ripley, but the city was evacuated before their arrival. The Doctor was next ordered to Louisville, thence to Lebanon and Perryville, at which latter place he was again severely injured and was granted a six-months furlough. He afterward returned to the service, and was with the United States Sanitary Commission under Dr. Prentiss, with whom he remained until the close of the war, doing all the good possible for the sick and wounded.

Dr. Tressel was married, in 1860, to Miss Susannah T. Hawkins, of Mahoning County, Ohio. Unto them have been born three children: Lora H.,

Gertrude H. and John K. Mrs. Tressel is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, and President of the Home Aid Society. A benevolent and most estimable lady, she is held in high regard by all.

During the war, the Doctor had charge of a number of hospitals, and at its close he visited some of the largest hospitals in this country, thus obtaining an excellent knowledge of surgery, of which he makes a specialty. He is now Secretary of the Board of the United States Pension Examiners, surgeon for the Pennsylvania; the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago; and the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroads, to which positions he was appointed in 1875. He is also surgeon for the Alliance, Niles & Ashtabula Railroad, and holds the position of Assistant Secretary of the National Association of Railway Surgeons. He is a member of the Stark County, the Northeastern Ohio State, the American Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Surgical Association, and the Ohio Sanitary Association. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows' society. As a physician, Dr. Tressel has attained prominence, and is ranked among the valued citizens of Stark County.

JACOB L. KELLER. Prominent in agricultural circles in Bethlehem Township, and well known throughout the entire county, Mr. Keller has won the esteem of his associates and the respect of all with whom he comes in contact. He is the owner of a good estate, comprising seventy-six acres of land located on section 11, upon which many improvements have been introduced and changes effected, whereby the value of the land has been considerably increased.

The original of this sketch was born in Franklin County, Pa., December 16, 1826, and is the son of Frederick and Polly (Lowry) Keller, natives of Pennsylvania. He received a good practical education in the schools of his native State, where he was reared to manhood, and when starting out in life for himself, chose the occupation of a farmer, which pursuit he has since followed with signal success. In the spring of 1849, in company with his parents, young Keller emigrated to Stark County, this State, the journey being made overland and consuming fourteen days. Our subject drove a four-horse team on that eventful trip, and can relate many an interesting tale of how they cooked and camped by the wayside. It will be seen that he was thoroughly competent to undertake the management of the teams, as for eight years he was engaged in driving a six-horse team between Baltimore and Pittsburgh, sometimes going as far as Wheeling.

On arriving in this county, the family of our subject settled in Perry Township, and after a residence there of sixteen years the parents moved farther West to Allen County, Ind. He of whom we write established a home of his own in the year 1849, at which time he married Miss Elizabeth Fagan, also a native of the Keystone State, and a most estimable lady. To them was born a family of seven children, only three of whom are living, namely: Harrison; Martha E., Mrs. William Steiner, and Eugenia, the wife of Joseph Bordner. The wife and mother departed this life in 1860, and the lady whom Mr. Keller chose for his second companion, June 3, 1861, bore the name of Jane Kalhofner. By that union were also born seven children, only three of whom survive, Gordon E., Jacob R. and Leocomton.

Shortly after the close of the Civil War, our subject located on the farm where he is at present residing. The property is highly improved, its appointments are of the best class and its owner devotes his time and attention to general farming. He has always been very active in educational affairs and served for several terms as School Director; during his administration many improvements were made in the school system and buildings. He is a firm adherent of the Republican party in politics, and in favor of every measure which has for its object the upbuilding of his adopted county.

The wife of our subject is a native of Alsace, France, and is the daughter of Michael and Martha

Kalhofner. She accompanied her parents on their emigration to America, at which time she was eight years of age. They came immediately to this county and took up their residence in Bethlehem Township, with whose interests they were actively identified for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have a pleasant home and have formed an extensive acquaintance in this locality, and their many excellencies of character have won them high regard.

JACOB SNIVELY. For some years the late Jacob Snively was connected with the agricultural interests of Stark County, owning and operating a large farm in Perry Township. Like many of the prominent residents of this section, he was born in this county, February 4, 1820, and was the son of Joseph and Catherine Snively, who hailed from Pennsylvania.

In an early day, the parents of our subject came to this county, and made their home in a log cabin in the woods of Perry Township, There Jacob of this sketch was reared upon the farm, learned the lessons of self-reliance and became well acquainted with all that pertains to an agricultural life. His educational privileges were limited to the common schools, and being a vigorous young man, anxious and willing to labor, he rendered his father great service in helping to cultivate the home farm.

Mr. Snively was married September 16, 1840, to Miss Mary A. Shreffler, who was born October 6, 1821, in Dauphin County, Pa. This lady was the daughter of Conrad and Catherine (Bordner) Shreffler, who were also natives of the Keystone State. In 1839, Mrs. Snively accompanied her parents on their removal to this county, where she met and married our subject. To them was granted a family of nine children, only three of whom are living: Mahlon J.; Catherine E., Mrs. Cornelius Roush; and Pius D. The elder son, who married Miss Wise, has two children, Earl and Vernie. Pius D., who is also married, has two children, Homer and Clara. The family of Mrs. Roush comprises three daughters and one son: Mellie, Lizzie, Jason and Kitty. Mahala A., deceased, left two children, Effie E. and Homer J. Smith.

In politics, Mr. Snively was a Democrat, and a devoted member of the United Brethren Church, contributing liberally to its support, and to all things that would in any way better the standing of the city or advance its material prosperity. In his death, which occurred March 10, 1885, Stark County lost one of its progressive and intelligent citizens. His widow, who since his death has attended to the operations of the farm, has demonstrated her abilities in business affairs, and has increased the value of the property by further improvements. The estate comprises two hundred and forty-three acres of land, on which are a fine farm residence, commodious barns and the numerous outbuilding which prove it to be in the possession of people of enterprise and means. Mrs. Snively is a member of the United Brethren Church, is honored and respected throughout the community, and in her own unassuming way bears a part in all the good works that are projected in the vicinity.

EDGAR J. MARCH, M. D., since the year 1888, has devoted his life to the highest temporal mission among men, a combat with disease and death, and his efficiency, skill and signal success in this calling are already well known. He is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born in New Franklin, Paris Township, on the 24th of January, 1858, and is a son of Henry C. March, who was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1832.

The elder Mr. March was reared in his native county, and in 1862 he enlisted in the service of his country, being promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant of his company, the One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Infantry, and taking part in many

of the prominent engagements of his regiment, serving faithfully for three years, or until 1865, when he was mustered out with the rank of Captain. Returning to his native county, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for a time, but for the past fifteen years has been Clerk in the United States Treasury at Washington, D. C. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah J. McLaughlin, was a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, and the daughter of E. McLaughlin. She now resides at Alliance, Ohio.

The original of this notice received his education in the school of New Franklin, and remained in his native county until sixteen years of age, when he entered the High School of Marysville, Ohio, pursuing his studies for several terms. Afterward he taught school one term and then entered Mt. Union College, alternately teaching and attending school until he was graduated in 1881. After this, he became Principal of the High School at Hubbard, Ohio, which position he held one year, at the same time reading medicine. He subsequently entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., and received his diploma from that institution in 1884. He commenced practicing at Nashville, Holmes County, Ohio, remained there three years and a half, and then went to New York City, where he took a post-graduate course in the New York Polyclinic, graduating in 1888.

From there he came direct to Canton, where he has since conducted a large and lucrative practice, giving special attention to surgery and the diseases of women, and has been absorbed day and night in a profession which is perhaps the most trying on brain and body of any in the field of science. He seems to have a decided taste and natural aptitude for his profession, and he has won the entire confidence of all. The Doctor is a member of the visiting staff of Aultman Hospital at Canton, is a member of the Union Medical Association of Northeast Ohio, the Stark County Academy of Medicine, and the Ohio State Medical Society, and is widely known.

In the month of May, 1882, the Doctor was married to Miss Carrie Hughes, of Holmes County, Ohio, daughter of John S. Hughes. Two interesting children have been given them. The Doctor is a prominent Mason, a member of Canton Lodge No. 60, and is also a member of the Knights of Honor, thus showing his appreciation of secret organizations. He is active in benevolent and charitable enterprises, strong in his friendship, and brave in his defense of the right. By his frank and kindly deportment he has found many friends and admirers. He has a pleasant and attractive residence at No. 60 South Cleveland Avenue, his office being at the same place.

WILLIAM E. GROFF, D. V. S. The name of Groff is one of the most influential in Massillon, and one of the most respected in this community. The father of our subject, Dr. F. Z. Groff, who is professor of the Veterinary Infirmary of Massillon, and who, with his son, under the firm title of Dr. F. Z. Groff & Son, is engaged in a very lucrative practice, was born in the grand old State of Pennsylvania, near Lancaster. He was reared to the duties of the farm in his native State, his father being a successful agriculturist, and when still but a boy was brought to Stark County, Ohio, by his parents. They settled four miles west of Massillon, and there passed the remainder of their days. Dr. F. Z. Groff grew to manhood on the farm, and at an early age evinced a strong desire to become a veterinary surgeon. He entered the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto, and graduated at that institution in 1880, after which he returned to Stark County and has been actively engaged in his practice ever since. He is a self-made man, and all he has made in the way of this world's goods has been the result of his perseverance, ability and thoroughness. He is senior member of the above-mentioned firm and is now a resident of Sippo, Ohio. His wife, whose maiden name was Julia Caldwell, was born in Seneca County, Ohio, and her father, John Caldwell, was born in Pennsylvania and was a blacksmith by trade. Mr. Caldwell followed his trade in his

native State for some time, but finally moved to this county and still continues his former occupation. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Groff and our subject was the eldest.

He was reared in Stark County, principally at Sippo, received his education in the district schools, and began the study of veterinary surgery under his father when seventeen years of age, although before that he had a pretty good idea of that branch. When eighteen years of age, he began practicing alone, and in 1887 he came to Massillon, where he practiced until 1888. After this he entered the American Veterinary College of New York City, remained in that institution, and was graduated in 1890 with the degree of D. V. S. During this time, he thought seriously of starting a Veterinary Infirmary in Massillon, and after returning to this town he began carrying out his ideas. The same year he started a Veterinary Infirmary in partnership with his father and erected a large two-story building for that purpose on North Street, between Erie and Mill Streets, 30x60 feet. This firm can accommodate about twenty horses, and in a fine pharmacy adjoining the office they prepare their own medicine. They have a very large practice and are thoroughly familiar with their business. Our subject is a member of the Alumni Association of New York City, and is also a member of the order of Mechanics and the Knights of Pythias. In politics, he is a Republican.

REV. SIMON PETER LONG, A. B., A. M., pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, is a native of Ohio, born in McZena, Ashland County, on the 7th of October, 1860. He is a very popular young minister, is highly respected by all classes in general, and is evidently deeply interested in the noble work in which he is engaged.

His grandfather, John George Long, was born in Germany and in that country followed the useful and independent life of a tiller of the soil. In 1828, he brought his family to America and located near Canal Fulton. Ohio was in its young days, and schools and culture had not yet reached that point where a finished education was the rule and expectation of the great mass of the youth as now. The freedom of pioneer life was around him, and he immediately purchased a wild farm and began developing the same. A substantial log house was erected and there he and his family resided for some time. From there they removed to McZena and purchased another farm which Mr. Long began to improve and cultivate. He had one brother and one sister; the brother Peter came to this country and became a prosperous farmer, the family owning over two thousand acres of fine land. Peter is still living and is eighty-five years of age. At the last reunion, in 1891, he had the pleasure of meeting one hundred and twenty persons who bore the name of Long. Grandfather Long became a Democrat in his political views, and was a devout member of the Lutheran Church. He passed the remainder of his days in the Buckeye State, and died in 1868, honored and respected by all. When he crossed the ocean to America, his family consisted of his wife and two children, one of whom, George, became the father of our subject.

George Long was born in the Fatherland, in Alsace, and was but six years of age when he came with his parents to this country. He was reared amid the rude scenes of pioneer life, and there learned the lessons of self-reliance, courage and responsibility from the out-door environments of his day and neighborhood. He received a fair education in the German language, and after reaching man's estate he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the village of McZena, where he followed farming for many years. He is now retired from the active duties of life, but still owns his fine farm, which he increased from one hundred and sixty to two hundred acres. He is an active and prominent member of the Lutheran Church and has been Deacon in the same for thirty years. He married Miss Margaret Merkling, a native of Alsace, Germany, who bore him seven children, five of whom are

living, four sons and one daughter. The mother passed away on the 14th of February, 1881.

Rev. Simon P. Long, the youngest of the above-mentioned children, was reared at McZena, Ohio, was fairly educated in the schools of that town, and when fourteen years of age was apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade at Perrysville. In connection he attended Greentown Academy, under Prof. J. C. Sample, for three years, and there laid the foundation for his subsequent prosperous career. After working as journeyman for some time, he gave up his trade and in 1879 entered the university at Columbus, at which institution he was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1883. Three years later, he received the degree of A. M. In the fall of 1883, he entered the Theological Seminary at Columbus, attended one year and then attended the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia for a year. In addition, he also took the evening course at Shoemaker's Oratorical College. Returning, he entered the Theological Seminary at Columbus and was graduated in 1886. After this, he was called to his old home and ordained and installed as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church at Loudonville where he had attended in his youth. There he remained until the fall of 1889, when he received a call from Massillon, which he accepted, and moved to this city in August of the same year. Since then he has organized a parochial school, which is now in a flourishing condition. There are one hundred and three pupils and two instructors. During this year a second Lutheran Church, called the Faith Lutheran, has been built and dedicated on the West Side, our subject organizing its congregation. The day of the dedication of this church not a cent had been paid, but in just seventy minutes the entire debt was paid. He first began this as a Sunday-school. Mr. Long's church has a membership of five hundred, and aside from his ministeral duties here he lectures throughout the State and in Pennsylvania, taking about two nights in a week.

Our subject was married in Columbus, Ohio, on the 12th of May, 1887, to Alice, a daughter of Elijah Marion, a prominent farmer of Franklin County, who was originally from Scotland. Mrs. Long was born in the city of Columbus, this State. Three children have been born to this union, Margaret and Clara, and Mary, who is deceased. Mr. Long is a member of the joint synod of Ohio, is independent in his political views, and is a strong temperance man. He was deeply interested in organizing the Old Folks' Home which was located at Allegheny, Pa. Since he came to Massillon he has cleared the church of debt, has organized the Library Society and founded a library here, and has been active in all other good work. He has been considerable of a traveler and has been in all but three or four of the States. Mr. Long is deeply interested in his work and possesses excellent qualities as a man of education and refinement.

WILLIAM SHAFFER. The gentleman of whom we write has his fine arable farm of one hundred and thirty-eight acres situated on section 14, Nimishillen Township. He was born in Washington Township, Stark County, Ohio, November 18, 1839, to John and Margaret (Cairns) Shaffer, the former of whom was born in the same township as the subject of this sketch, and the latter in Dumfriesshire, Scotland. When a girl, she came with her parents to America, and with them settled in Washington Township, Stark County, Ohio, where she met and married Mr. Shaffer. The latter was a son of William Shaffer, who was a Pennsylvanian, but who came to Ohio at a very early day, and was a well-to-do farmer of this section for the remainder of his days. John Shaffer was the father of five children, of whom William was the eldest, and after a well-spent life, and while just in the zenith of his career, he was called from the scene of his earthly labors, in 1866, at the age of forty-seven years. His widow survived him until January, 1890, dying at the age of seventy-four years, and both lie buried in the Homeworth Cemetery, Columbiana County, about six miles from their old home. They were Presbyterians in their religious views, and throughout

life the father was a Democrat politically, and, although not a politician, he held the office of Township Trustee two or three terms. Although his advantages for an education in youth were limited, he was a friend of education and gave each of his children good common-school educations.

William Shaffer passed an uneventful boyhood in assisting his father on the farm and in attending the district school, but not being satisfied with the advantages that the district schools afforded him, he entered the public schools of Canfield, Mahoning County, which he attended for some time, and where his love of study and reading made him improve his advantages to the utmost. At the age of nineteen years, he began teaching school, and until 1865 his winters were devoted to this occupation, while his summers were spent in tilling the soil. March 23, 1865, Miss Lydia Trump, of Nimishillen Township, became his wife. She was born April 16, 1841, to Peter and Catherine (Shaffer) Trump, and the same year of their marriage they settled on a farm of sixty-eight acres, which is a portion of the farm of which they are now the owners. The house in which they are living was one of the improvements of the place at the time of their purchase, as well as other buildings. Mr. Shaffer has a good bank barn, which at the time of its erection cost $1,700. Since his first purchase, Mr. Shaffer has added seventy acres to his original tract, all of which is well improved and well watered by living springs.

Politically, Mr. Shaffer is a Democrat, and has filled the following township offices: Clerk two terms, Trustee two terms and Justice of the Peace two terms. He also held the position of Notary Public for a number of years. In 1889, he was elected a Director of the County Infirmary, in which position, as in all others, he proved himself competent, trustworthy and intelligent. He and his wife and a number of their children are members of the Reformed Church of Louisville. To himself and wife nine children have been given, all of whom are living: Ida J., born January 22, 1867, became the wife of John P. Lawman, September 17, 1885, and is a resident of Ottawa County, Kan., where her husband is engaged in tilling the soil. She has one child. Ella, born January 11, 1869, is a successful and well-known teacher of Stark County; Lillie, born May 14, 1870, married Amos Ramseyer February 12, 1890, and is residing on a farm in Paris Township; Charles, born July 30, 1871, attended one term of school at Middle Point, Ohio, and is now engaged in teaching his third term of school; Ada, born October 4, 1872, lives at home; Clara Lucetta, born October 6, 1874, has also a certificate for teaching; Elmer, born August 5, 1876; Nettie, July 14, 1879, and Roy Thurman, March 14, 1885.

Mr. Shaffer is popular, and deservedly so, for he has always proved honest, and in a high degree public-spirited.

LEVI W. WELLS, Manager of the Canton Gas Light & Coke Company, is a native of the Province of New Brunswick, born December 30, 1847. His parents, John C. and Rebecca (Calhoun) Wells, natives of the same province in which he was born, were residents of Boston, Mass., for a few years, but returned to their native land, where the father passed to his final rest. By occupation he was a contractor and carpenter, and was an honorable, industrious man, whose position in the community was an influential one. The mother is yet living, and makes her home in New Brunswick. They were the parents of eight children, six sons and two daughters.

Until he was nineteen years of age, the subject of this sketch resided in New Brunswick, where he was for a time a pupil in the schools, and also learned the carpenter's trade with his father. In 1864, he came to the United States, and located in Boston, where he worked at his trade during one summer. Afterward he made a specialty of stair-building for a year or more, and was quite successful while thus engaged. He next entered the employ of the South Boston Gas Light Company in order to secure points about that business, his father-in-law, Edward Jones, being engineer of the organization.

Subsequently, Mr. Wells removed to Marblehead, Mass., where he was Superintendent of the Gas Company for ten years, and while a resident of that place made many warm friends both in business and social circles. He next went to Roxbury, Mass., where he was Assistant Superintendent of the Gas Company for seven years. January 23, 1891, he came to Canton, being called to this place to take the management of the Canton Gas Light & Coke Company, which position he is now filling to the satisfaction of all concerned and with great credit to himself.

A very important event in the life of Mr. Wells was his marriage, which occurred June 22, 1867, when Miss Sarepta A. Jones became his wife. Mrs. Wells is a most estimable and refined lady, and was reared to womanhood in Boston, though her native city was Chelsea. Her parents moved to Boston when she was about a year old. One child has blessed the home of our subject and his wife, L. W., Jr. In his social connections, Mr. Jones is actively connected with the Royal Arcanum and the American Legion of Honor, in which organizations he is influential and prominent.

WILLIAM ARCHINAL. Every city in the United States, either from its geographical position, or from some peculiar natural advantages, has some specialty attracting the attention of its business men. The development of these advantages, whether their tendency is towards transportation, commerce or manufacturing, has in many instances proven the corner stone on which a magnificent mercantile prosperity has been erected. The only feature ever wanting to bring about this result, to form, as it were, the keystone, to render certain, symmetrical and complete the arch of their possible commercial prominence, has been the enterprise of their business men, the foresight to forecast the possibilities of the future, and courage sufficient to utilize them. Canton has indeed vied successfully with the business men of other cities, and now stands well in the van, owing to the determined stand taken by her men of enterprise and public spirit. Prominent among them stands the name of William Archinal.

Mr. Archinal was born in Germany on the 3d of June, 1840, and is a son of Louis and Margaret (Recht) Archinal, also natives of the Fatherland. The father was a soldier in the German army for twenty-five years and was subsequently Sheriff for some time. He spent most of his life in military service and died in the Old Country. Our subject never experienced the loving and tender care of a mother, for she died when he was an infant. Until fourteen years of age, he was educated in his native country, and afterward learned the cabinet-maker's trade, traveling as a journeyman for some time. Tempted by very favorable reports from the New World, he decided to make a permanent home in America, and for that purpose crossed the ocean in 1860. He landed at Baltimore, Md., and went from there to Canal Dover, Ohio.

In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Thirtieth Ohio Infantry, under Capt. George H. Hildt, and was sent to West Virginia, where he remained four months. His regiment was then assigned to Burnside's division, and he participated in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam and the second Bull Run. The command then went into quarters. The following spring it was sent to Vicksburg, took part in that siege, and our subject was there taken prisoner on the 22d of May, while assaulting its works. He was paroled the following day, and was sent across the river, where he took a leave of absence for four months. At the expiration of that time, he was exchanged and returned to his regiment, which was then at Missionary Ridge. He took part in the Atlanta campaign, Sherman's march through the Carolinas, on to Washington, and took part in the Grand Review. He was then ordered to Little Rock, Ark., and was mustered out at that place in August, 1865.

Returning to Canal Dover, he soon after entered the employ of Russell & Co., of Massillon, Ohio, manufacturers of reapers, and continued with them until 1868, when he moved to Canton. He was

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here employed by C. Aultman & Co. in the wood department, and in 1880 he was promoted to the position of foreman of that department. That position he held until 1886, when he was appointed Postmaster of the city of Canton by President Cleveland, and served in that capacity for four years, to the entire satisfaction of all. Retiring from the postoffice, he became connected with the stove business, and in company with others organized the Canton Stove Company.

In 1866, Mr. Archinal married Miss Catherine Eicher, of Richville, Ohio, daughter of Jacob Eicher. To this union have been born five children, four sons and one daughter, who are as follows: Harry L., a clerk with the Canton Hardware Company; Charles W., draughtsman in the Canton Wrought Iron Bridge Company; Minnie M.; Frank G., draughtsman with the Wrought Iron Bridge Company; and William H., attending the High Schools of Canton. Mr. Archinal has a very pleasant and attractive home at No. 15 East Tenth Street. He has been a member of the City Council, also of the Board of Education. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, having attained the Knight Templar degree.

JAMES FRAUNFELTER, M. D., has been engaged in medical practice in Canton for ten years, and is one of the leading physicians of Stark County. He was born in Ashland County, Ohio, near the city of Ashland, June 6, 1846, and is the youngest of four sons in a family of eleven children, whose parents were John and Elizabeth (Reeser) Fraunfelter. His parents were of German lineage, but were both born and reared in Northampton County, Pa., where their marriage was also celebrated. In 1846, they left the Keystone State and came to Ohio, locating in Ashland County, where the father followed farming. He was killed by the falling of a tree which he was cutting down. His wife died in 1869.

The Doctor spent his boyhood days in his native county, and acquired his early education in the common district schools. He remained under the parental roof until eighteen years of age, when he became a student in the Vermillion Institute at Hayesville, Ohio, for a year. The following winter he engaged in teaching, and afterward attended the Savannah Academy, in Ashland County, during the summer months for a period of six years, while in the winter he taught school. While attending this academy, he was also engaged as a tutor. Wishing to make the practice of medicine his life work, he began studying with Dr. T. S. Hunter, of Ashland, and took his first course of lectures in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery. He attended his second course of lectures in the Long Island College Hospital of New York, from which he was graduated in 1871, and in 1872 he was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, after pursuing a third course of lectures.

Dr. Fraunfelter entered upon the practice of his profession in Canal Fulton, where he remained until 1881, when he took a post-graduate course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. He then came to Canton, where he has since made his home, devoting his energies to private practice. He now has a liberal patronage and enjoys a lucrative and constantly increasing business. He does a general practice, but makes a specialty of the surgical diseases of women.

In 1872, the Doctor was united in marriage with Miss Kate Roseberry, of Ashland, daughter of Rev. P. R. Roseberry. They have one son, Clare E. Their home, which was erected in 1882, is a commodious, fine brick residence, of the most modern style of architecture, and supplied with all modern conveniences. It is situated at No. 83 South Market Street, and is the abode of hospitality.

Dr. Fraunfelter is a member of the American Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, the Union Medical Society of Northeastern Ohio, of which he is President, and of the Stark County Academy of Medicine. He is also a member of the State Sanitary Society, and is Vice-president of the Harvard Company, which manufactures surgical and dental chairs. He was appointed United States Pension Examiner by President Harrison,

with headquarters at Alliance, but resigned on account of press of business at home. He was one of the incorporators of the Aultman Hospital, and was elected one of the Trustees and Consulting Surgeon of the same, which position he still holds. He is surgeon for the Canton Street Railway Company and a number of accident societies, beside medical examiner for several life insurance organizations.

The doctor keeps well abreast with all discoveries connected with his profession, and is a close student along this line. He ranks high among his professional brethren, and the liberal patronage which he receives attests his ability.

HON. JOHN McBRIDE, President of the United Mine Works of America, and editor of the *Miners' Independent* at Massillon, was born in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, June 25, 1854. His father, Thomas McBride, was a native of Carlisle, England, and when twelve years old left home as a sailor on a merchant vessel en route for the East Indies. During his three-years cruise, he visited the principal ports of the world, and sailed on almost every sea, gaining a practical experience which was invaluable to him in his after career.

In 1850, Thomas McBride came to Ohio and settled in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, where he engaged in mining for a few months. Thence he came to Massillon as Superintendent of the Burton, Ridgeway & Co. Mines at this place, and remained in that connection until, ceasing from active labor, he retired from his business interests. His death occurred near this city in 1874, and was sincerely mourned by his large circle of friends. In his political belief, he was a Republican and a strong Abolitionist. His religious home was in the Catholic Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Bridget McMackin, was born in Carlisle, England, was of Irish descent, and died in 1863.

Of the nine children in the parental family who grew to mature years, four still survive, our subject being the next to the youngest The two eldest sons served in the Civil War as members of an Ohio regiment, and now reside, Edward in Central America and William in Idaho. John was only six years old when he accompanied his parents to Stark County, where for a few years he was a pupil in the common schools. When about eleven years old, he became self-supporting, and his first employment was as water-boy in the mines. From that humble beginning he arose to positions of usefulness and trust, and soon acquired prominence among the miners.

In 1872, Mr. McBride joined the Labor Union, and was chosen Secretary of Lodge No. 15, M. L. B. A. Two years later, he became a Knight of Labor, and in 1877 was elected District President of the Tuscarawas Valley Miners' Association, having a short time previous been elected President of the Miners' Protective Association of Ohio. He ceased active mining operations in 1879, and in the fall of the following year was check weighman with the Groves Coal Company. His prominence in the Democratic party led to his nomination on that ticket to the State Legislature, and although Stark County went Republican by a large majority, he made a splendid canvass and polled a large number of votes, losing the election by only sixty-three ballots.

Elected in April, 1882, President of the Ohio Miners' Association, Mr. McBride served in that capacity with distinguished ability for several years. In December, 1888, he was chosen President of the National Progressive Miners' Union, and continued as such until February, 1890, when he declined re-election. As a token of recognition of his valuable services, he was made an honorary member of the union, being the only one at that time. April 1, 1890, he accepted the appointment by ex-Gov. Campbell as Commissioner to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, of which he was one of the organizers, He served in that capacity until February 22, 1892, when he resigned to accept the Presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, to which he had been elected by acclamation eleven days before. He had been elected and re-elected by acclamation thirteen times by different mine associations, a tribute to his worth more el-

oquent than mere words. Since 1890, he has been editor of the *Miners' Independent*, the official organ of the union, which is published at Massillon.

Again nominated by the Democrats in 1883, Mr. McBride was elected to the Sixty-sixth General Assembly by a majority of over one thousand. He was re-elected in 1885, serving two terms, and had the distinction of being the only member of the Sixty-sixth who was returned to the Sixty-seventh General Assembly. In 1886, his party paid him the honor of nomination, at the Toledo Convention, as Secretary of State, his opponent being Gen. Robinson, the incumbent of the office at that time. The party had many things to contend with, and the results were adverse. Mr. McBride was defeated by eleven thousand seven hundred and eighty-one votes, but he ran far ahead of his party, the balance of the ticket being defeated by over twenty thousand. In 1887, acceding to the urgent request of his party, he became candidate for Senator, but was defeated by one hundred and five votes.

Since 1874, Mr. McBride has held all the district official positions in the Knights of Labor organization, and has repeatedly served as delegate to the General Assembly. In December, 1886, when the American Federation of Labor was reorganized on a purely trade basis, he presided over the convention held in Columbus for the purpose of organization, but refused the position of President tendered him by acclamation of the convention. With one exception, he has attended all subsequent meetings of the union, and is delegate-elect to the convention of 1892. In his opinions regarding the momentous issues at stake between capital and labor, he holds broad views and has never been an extremist. He recognizes capital as necessary, but demands justice to his fellow-workers, and is the unswerving champion of right, having the courage of his convictions even in the face of bitter opposition.

In all the strikes which have menaced public interests and attracted the attention of the world, Mr. McBride has worked effectively toward securing compromises, and is still, as always, advocating arbitration as a means of reconciliation. In 1885, he suggested that the operators and miners meet jointly to designate the wages, and was present at the memorable meeting where schedules of prices were arranged.

In attaining his present position and prominence, Mr. McBride has been assisted at all times by his devoted wife, to whom he was married August 11, 1874. Miss Mary Kelly, as she was formerly known, was born in Knox County, Ohio, the daughter of William and Eliza (Welker) Kelly. After gaining a good literary education at Massillon, she commenced to teach when very young, and for five years followed that profession with success. She is the mother of four children: Lida L., Kittie B., Edward J. and Joseph F. The family home is a a comfortable residence on Summit Street, and is the center of true hospitality.

ROBERT A. MILLER, General Manager of the C. Aultman & Co.'s works of Canton, is one of the most prominent business men of this city, being connected with many of its leading enterprises. He has done much for the upbuilding of the place by establishing industries, and his name is inseparably connected with the growth of Canton.

Mr. Miller was born April 11, 1861, and is the third son and fifth child of Lewis and Mary A. Miller. His father was born in Greentown, Summit County, Ohio, and became a leading business man of Stark County. He is now President of the C. Aultman Company, and is one of its largest stockholders. At present he resides in Akron, Ohio, and is largely interested in manufacturing industries of that place.

The subject of this sketch removed with his parents to Akron, Ohio, in 1865, and attended the public schools of that city for some time, after which he pursued his studies in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, from which he was graduated in the Class of '81. On completing his education, he returned to Canton, and became a

clerk in C. Aultman & Co.'s works, serving as such for three years. In 1885, he was promoted to the position of Assistant Superintendent, which he held until 1889, when he was made General Manager. He is now connected with the works in that capacity, and is one of the largest stockholders in this concern, which is one of the oldest and most substantial of its kind in the State. The firm known as C. Aultman & Co. has been in existence sixty-two years, and manufactures threshers and engines. The plant covers about twenty-five acres, including lumber-yards, etc., and the buildings are mostly of brick. Their capacity has had to be constantly enlarged in order to meet the increasing demand. Employment is furnished to between four and five hundred men, who manufacture threshing-machines, and engines, both upright and horizontal. The General Manager is a grandson of John Miller, who founded the works in 1831. The present officers are Lewis Miller, President; C. L. Jones, Vice-president; Robert Miller, General Manager; J. A. Linville, Secretary, and M. B. Cox, Treasurer. Our subject as General Manager has proved himself a most efficient factor in the success of this extensive business.

Besides his connection with the C. Aultman & Co.'s works, Mr. Miller is President of the Sun Vapor Street Light Company, which manufactures appliances for lighting streets. He is President of the Canton Hardware Company, President of the Artificial Ice and Storage Company, Director of the Farmers' Bank of Canton, Vice-president of the Street Railway Company, Director of the Canton Light Company and Director of the Akron Iron Company of Akron, Ohio. He is also a stockholder in the Aultman & Miller works of Akron, Ohio; also Vice-president of the Canton Outing Club and Treasurer of Mt. Union College at Alliance, Ohio.

In the year 1887, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Louise, daughter of Martin Igoe, of Indianapolis, Ind., and by their union have been born a son and daughter.

The family reside on West Tuscarawas Street, where they have an elegant and palatial brick residence, tastefully furnished, and situated in the midst of extensive grounds and attractive surroundings. Mr. Miller and his wife are both members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Canton. He served as one of its Trustees, and is Superintendent of the Sunday-school. For the past four years he has been President of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is also a member of its Board of Managers. He takes a very prominent and active part in religious work, and does much for the advancement of the cause of Christianity. He has the best interests of the community at heart, and his support is ever given to worthy enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit. Little comment may be made on his business career, for the fact that he is prominently connected with so many leading industries attests his success. His dealings have ever been characterized by straightforwardness and honesty. The confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact is freely accorded him, and he has the highest regard of a large circle of friends.

JOHN DECKARD, one of the pioneer residents of this county, stands among the foremost of the successful farmers who have contributed so greatly toward the development of this county. His home, which is located on section 23, Perry Township, is under good tillage, and from its well-cultivated fields Mr. Decker reaps rich harvests in compensation for the toil and care expended. He is one of the oldest men now living in his township, whose growth he has watched with pleasure, promoting it in his capacity of an energetic agriculturist.

The original of this sketch is a native of this county, having been born January 21, 1828, and is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Brown) Deckard, natives of Pennsylvania. The father of our subject emigrated to this county as early as 1815, and for a time after coming here was engaged as a distiller. Finally, however, he settled on a farm in Canton Township, four miles south of the city of that name. His property was in its primitive con-

dition, and Mr. Deckard erected thereon a log cabin, in which he made his home until his decease, which occurred in June, 1889. His wife, who preceded him to the better land by a year, was the mother of twelve children, of whom seven still survive, namely: John, our subject; Rebecca, Mrs. Michael Frederick; Amos; Hannah, the wife of Michael Yoey; Daniel; Jane, Mrs. E. Richard; and Reuben.

John Deckard of this sketch was reared to man's estate in his native county, and received his education in the primitive log schoolhouse. He was married February 2, 1850, to Miss Caroline Miller, who is also a native of this county, and the daughter of George and Ann Miller. To them has been granted a family of five children, four of whom are living, namely: Melissa, Mrs. Christian Ash; Cyrus, Bradley C. and Charles.

Our subject owns a valuable estate, which comprises ninety-five acres of land. His present substantial position has been reached entirely through his own perseverance, and his life shows what can be accomplished by a person with courage and determination. He has done much pioneer work in this county, and sustains an enviable reputation as a first-class agriculturist. Politically, Mr. Deckard is a Republican in politics, and in social affairs is connected with Perry Grange.

PHILIP EVERHARD, a retired farmer now residing in Canton, has spent his entire life in Stark County. He was born in Plain Township, September 28, 1812, and is a son of Henry Everhard, a native of Northampton County, Pa. The grandfather, Paul Everhard, was of German descent. The father of our subject was a potter by trade and followed that business during his younger years. He was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary M. Hewitt, of Washington County, Pa., a daughter of Philip Hewitt, who was also of German lineage. In the year 1809, Henry Everhard emigrated to Stark County, locating in Plain Township, where he made a permanent settlement. He carried on general farming, and also operated a grist and saw mill for a number of years. His wife died in 1829. He survived her for about twenty years, passing away in 1848. This worthy couple, who were highly respected in the community, had a family of five sons and five daughters who grew to mature years, but Philip, the youngest son, is the only survivor.

Our subject spent his boyhood days quietly upon his father's farm, remaining under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he began farming on his own account. The common schools afforded him his educational advantages, and for some twelve years during the winter season he was engaged in teaching. As a companion and helpmate on life's journey, he chose Miss Nancy Hane, of Canton Township, a daughter of Christian Hane, their union being celebrated September 1, 1846. The young couple began their domestic life in Plain Township, where our subject carried on general farming and stock-raising for many years. He always kept a flock of sheep, which he sold for food purposes, or for the wool which they yielded. In 1875, he left the farm and removed to Canton, where he has since resided. He practically lives retired, devoting only a portion of his time to his business interests. He sold his farm in 1885. He owns a fine residence at No. 163 North Cleveland Avenue, a handsome and commodious structure, well finished and tastefully furnished.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Everhard six children have been born: Elta, wife of T. A. Heward, of Cleveland; Mary F., who died May 7, 1890; Alvah H., who resides in South Dakota; Otto Philip, who makes his home in Deadwood, S. Dak.; Charles J., who purchased and now resides on the old homestead in Plain Township; and Ira Hane, who is Teller in the First National Bank of Canton. The mother of this family departed this life December 22, 1891, in her sixty-seventh year, and many friends mourned her loss. She was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, to which Mr. Everhard also belongs, both having united with the church when young.

In politics, our subject is a Republican. He has never been an office-seeker, but served for one

term as Supervisor of his township. After coming to the city he suffered greatly from rheumatism in the knee joint for three years and the bone became diseased. This necessitated radical treatment, and the limb was amputated October 22, 1888. Since that time Mr. Everhard has enjoyed excellent health. He is resting after many years of earnest labor, the fruits of his former toil being amply sufficient to keep him in comfort throughout his remaining days.

A. CAMPBELL, a prominent physician of Canal Fulton, was born on the 19th of July, 1845, in Elgin County, Province of Ontario, Canada, and is the eldest son of John and Margaret (McIntyre) Campbell. His parents were both natives of Argyleshire, Scotland, the former born in 1811, and the latter in 1818. They both crossed the Atlantic in 1831, and located in Elgin County, where they were married. The death of the father there occurred at the age of eighty years. His widow still survives him, and is living at the old home at the age of seventy-five years. Their family numbered five sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, while with one exception all were married.

Dr. Campbell was reared to manhood upon his father's farm, and began his education in a log schoolhouse furnished with slab seats. A huge fireplace occupied one end of the room, and the smoke escaped through a mud and stick chimney. He afterward attended the Grammar School in St. Thomas, Canada, and in 1863, at the age of nineteen years, he began teaching in Middlesex County, Canada, where he remained for five years. In that way he earned the money to pay his tuition in college, and entered the medical department of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1871. Locating in Western Star, Summit County, Ohio, he immediately began practice, and there followed his chosen profession for two years, or until the 1st of May, 1873, when he came to Canal Fulton. He has since been a leading practitioner of this place.

Dr. Campbell was married in September, 1874, to Miss Amelia Upjohn, daughter of Dr. Uriah Upjohn, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and a native of Richland, Kalamazoo County, Mich., born in 1849. After a short married life, she died January 29, 1876, leaving one son, A. N. On the 1st of May, 1883, the Doctor was joined in wedlock with Miss Ida M. Fisher, who was born in Dalton, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1857. Her death occurred April 30, 1889, and a daughter was left to mourn her loss, Carrie I.

Dr. Campbell is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society, the Northeastern Ohio Medical Society, and the Stark County Academy of Medicine. He also belongs to Elliott Lodge No. 514, A. F. & A. M., of Canal Fulton. In politics, he is a Republican, and is a member of the School Board. He is also Pension Examining Surgeon of the Massillon Board. The Doctor is a supporter and adherent of the Presbyterian Church, and is a friend to all social, moral and educational interests. He ranks high in his profession, and he keeps abreast with all the discoveries and theories concerning the practice of medicine. He has been very successful in his practice, and has secured the confidence and regard of the community, and has now a liberal patronage.

JAMES BAYLISS, a prominent old settler, but now retired from the active duties of life, was born at Stratford-on-Avon, England, November 7, 1808, the home of the famous English bard, Shakespeare. His father, Benjamin Bayliss, was also born there in 1777, and when young was apprenticed to the tailor's trade, which occupation received his attention in his native land until 1818, when he crossed the ocean to America and opened a shop in the city

of Philadelphia. He brought his wife and six children with him and the voyage of the sailing-vessel "Islington" occupied seven weeks. After coming to the United States, he resided successively in Philadelphia, Germantown, New York City, and Rochester, N. Y., and died in the last-mentioned city July 10, 1861, and lies buried at Mt. Hope. He was a self-made and self-educated man, was of a very pious nature and was pastor of a church in Philadelphia. He thoroughly identified himself with the interests of his adopted country, and was bitterly opposed to kingdoms and monarchies. He was strictly temperate, and being also industrious and frugal, he accumulated a competency. His wife, Mary Trimble, was born at Stratford-on-Avon, England, and died in 1850. Six children borne by her grew to maturity but only the eldest son is now living. The youngest daughter, Sarah, became an eminent school teacher and was married to a Mr. Royce, with whom she first removed to Canada, then to Illinois and finally made the overland route to California, and when James Bayliss visited that region he found her in San Francisco. She and her husband had a remarkable experience in crossing the snow-clad Rocky Mountains and would, without doubt, have frozen to death, had not a Government train been sent to their relief. She rode three hundred miles on a mule with her baby in her arms. She reared her family in California and made the living for them and her sick husband. She had one son, Prof. Josiah Royce, who was graduated from the University of California, then attended an institution in Germany, and then returned to the United States and entered the John Hopkins University of Baltimore. He later became a professor in the University of California, but is now professor of Philosophy in Harvard University. This estimable woman met with an accident which resulted in her death in 1891.

The only brother of James Bayliss, Rev. Samuel Bayliss, was a prominent divine of the Congregational Church at Brooklyn, N. Y., and died while following his calling. James Bayliss spent the first ten years of his life at Stratford-on-Avon, England, but throughout his life he only received about three years' schooling. Upon reaching Philadelphia, he at once went to work to assist in making a living for the family and while in Germantown was in a manufacturing establishment, the highest wages he received there being $1.50 a week. Later, he worked in a calico-printing establishment in Philadelphia, and was there when the first copper plates, or cylinders, were smuggled in from England. Subsequently, when working at the weaver's trade, he was taken sick and upon recovering learned the tailor's trade in the establishment of John Tack, which was one of the finest shops in the city of New York, located at No. 19 Broadway, and remained there for two years. In November, 1827, he came to Cleveland, then made his way on foot up the tow path to Akron and then overland to Kendall, which place he reached in the latter part of November, 1827. After working at his trade for some time, he, in connection with three young men, took charge of the Charity Rotch Boarding School, which they successfully conducted for four years.

In 1833, Mr. Bayliss removed to Tuscarawas County, bought thirty acres of land and engaged in farming and the lumber business. He operated a large sawmill and filled large contracts for three or four years, but returned to Kendall and opened a tailor shop which he conducted until 1849, when he was seized with the gold fever and started to California, leaving behind him a wife and three children. He and six men left Massillon for New York City, where they built a small three-ton boat, loaded it with goods and took it on board a vessel bound for the Isthmus of Panama. After many hardships, they succeeded in crossing the Isthmus with the aid of natives, and secured passage on a Dutch vessel, the "Sophia," and reached San Francisco at the end of ninety-one days, eighty-eight of which they were entirely out of sight of land. They at once proceeded to San Francisco, thence to Sacramento and from there to the American River, where they made a considerable amount of money. At the end of about three months, they returned to Coloma and there, when Mr. Bayliss' goods reached him, he opened a store, called the Ohio Store, which he, in partnership with the others, conducted until his removal from the place. In the winter of 1851–52, he returned

home via the Isthmus of Panama and New York City, and while in the latter place he went to the United States mint and had his gold coined. He returned to Massillon with several thousand dollars, with which he purchased a small farm near the city; soon after this he engaged in the dry-goods business and successfully conducted it for four years. In 1857, he began buying wool and became one of the most extensive dealers in the same in the State, and an excellent judge of the article. In 1871, he purchased six hundred and forty acres of land, an unbroken section of excellent timber, and on this land he erected a saw-mill, and for the first three years sold an immense amount of lumber at an excellent profit. Although he has sold some land at different times, he still has four hundred acres left, under part of which is being mined an excellent quality of coal. This land is improved with good buildings and is farmed on shares. He has a fine sugar grove of over fifteen hundred trees and manufactures a large amount of maple syrup each year. His land is undulating, and well watered and is exceptionally well adapted for the raising of stock, to which he has given considerable attention. Since 1881, he has been a resident of Massillon, and in 1882 built the rolling mills of this place. He organized and was chosen President of the Massillon Coal and Iron Company. He helped build the first warehouse in the town for storing wheat and it is known as a fact that Massillon has received and stored more wheat direct from the grower than any other depot in the world. January 1, 1831, he was married to Miss Eliza J. Fox, who was born in Tuscarawas Township, this county, to Jehial Fox, a native of Vermont and a carpenter, cabinet-maker, stone hewer and dresser. He came to Ohio in 1810, and afterward tilled the soil and worked at his trade, and was a prominent Justice of the Peace a number of years.

Mrs. Bayliss died July 4, 1891, at the age of seventy-seven years. She and her husband spent sixty years of their lives together and in 1881 celebrated their golden wedding, and the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage in 1891, at which time there had not been a death in the family. Five children were born to them: Edwin was a well-known manufacturer here; Edward B. is City Clerk and a leading business man of the town; Mary A. resides in Cleveland; Carrie M. is the wife of E. G. Willson, a prominent attorney and City Solicitor and Collector, and James M. Mr. Bayliss has held various positions on the School Board, is an active member of the State Association of Wool Buyers, is an active member of the State Agricultural Society and of the Stark County Horticultural Society, and in politics is a strong Republican. The house in which he lives was built before Massillon was laid out, but is still in good preservation and makes a comfortable and pleasant home. He is a very prominent old settler and in every respect an honorable gentleman.

DAVID ROGERS. Among the pioneers and substantial farmers of this county is numbered Mr. Rogers, who began life empty-handed, but by unremitting industry, seconded by sound judgment and shrewd business qualities, has acquired a good property. He is at present residing in Perry Township, on a well-improved farm, where he is ranked among the well-to-do agriculturists.

Our subject is a native of Columbiana County, this State, born February 7, 1816, and is the son of Alexander and Mary (Clay) Rogers, natives of Pennsylvania. When a lad of fourteen years, young David emigrated with his parents to this county, and the family became early settlers of Jackson Township. He was reared to man's estate amid the pioneer scenes of this section and has done his full share in clearing and improving the land. His industrious and well-directed efforts have now enabled him to retire from the toils and cares of life, and he is now spending his time in ease and enjoyment.

The five children comprised in the family of our subject are: Flora, Mrs. Thomas Whipple; Mary J.; Eliza, Mrs. John Snyder; Matilda and Hiram. Mr. Rogers is the proprietor of one hundred and

forty acres of valuable land, on which he has erected every necessary building for carrying on the work of the estate, all being substantial and well arranged. He has been a useful citizen in this township and has served as School Director for some time. He casts a Republican vote during elections and is in favor of all measures which tend toward the development of the upbuilding of his adopted county.

The maiden name of our subject's wife was Margaret Knath, and she departed this life in May, 1891. She was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, and lived a happy married life of more than half a century with her husband. Their son, Hiram Rogers, resides on the old place, which he carries on in a most profitable manner. He was married to Miss Emma Bordner, and has become the father of six children: Herbert, Frank, Stella, Joseph, Jesse and Dora.

As one of the pioneers of this county, Mr. Rogers is held in the highest esteem and has the confidence of all who know him. Stanch in principles, clear in perception and decided in character, he deserves the good things which have come to him, and the high character for probity which years of intimate business and social acquaintance have brought him.

PROF. HENRY C. BAER, professor of music at Massillon, Ohio, is well known in musical circles, and is properly considered a leading authority on all matters pertaining to his favorite branch. He was born in Osnaburg Township, this county, October 22, 1834, and comes of one of the pioneer families of the Buckeye State. His grandfather, Abraham Baer, was a Virginian and of Swiss descent. He subsequently moved to Pennsylvania, and was a participant in the whisky riots in that State. In 1806, he came with his family to Ohio, and located in Osnaburg Township, Stark County, and began his career as a pioneer. He erected a rude log cabin and became a very successful tiller of the soil and owned vast tracts of land, which his sons, twelve in number, assisted him in clearing. The family was one of the good, old-fashioned kind, consisting of sixteen children, twelve sons and four daughters, to each of whom he deeded one hundred and sixty acres of land. On the Little Sandy he built the first sawmill in the township, which later became known as Hershberger Mill. He also cleared immense tracts of land, and was, in fact, a pioneer of the pioneers. From the first, he demonstrated the fact that he was a man of resources and indomitable energy, with a capacity for conducting enterprises of more than ordinary consequence. He was a Dunkard in his religious views and lived to be over eighty years of age.

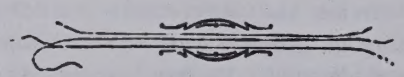
The father of our subject, David Baer, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., and was a civil engineer by profession. He took private lessons in his trade, and was appointed Government Surveyor by Gov. Ethan Brown. Our subject has the commission on parchment, written in 1820. David Baer served as Surveyor for twenty-one years and assisted in laying the county off into townships, and also helped to lay out the cities of Massillon and Kendall. He resided on a farm for many years, but in 1848 he retired and settled in Massillon, where his demise occurred in 1864, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His death was caused by being thrown from a horse. He was one of the first residents of Stark County, and by his generosity and strict integrity, as well as many other estimable qualities, gathered around him a wide circle of friends, and no one is more kindly remembered. He was Justice of the Peace as long as he remained in the township, and was a man of more than the average intelligence. He was urged to run for Congress but never would allow his name to be used. A Whig in politics at first, he afterward espoused the principles of the Republican party, and was a strong Abolitionist during the war, being a conductor on the underground railroad. He married Miss Mary Doll, a native of Virginia, born in Jefferson County, and the daughter of John Doll, also of the Old Dominion, but of German descent, and a Lutheran in

his religious views. The latter was a farmer and teamster, and was extensively engaged in the latter occupation, running many teams and wagons. He came to Ohio in the year 1806, located in Osnaburg Township, this county, and there followed his different occupations. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Baer, five of whom are living at the present time.

The original of this notice was the sixth in order of birth of the above-mentioned children, and until the age of fourteen years his scholastic training was received in the log schoolhouse of pioneer days. There the "three R's" were taught, and he remembers writing with a goose-quill pen. When but a boy, he displayed great natural ability for music, and was an expert violin player at the age of fourteen years. Later, he went to the Musical Conservatory at Dayton, and received private instruction from Emil Krouch. He also received instruction on all stringed instruments and took a thorough course in music. He carried on this study for three years, and at the same time took up the study of architecture and mechanics, as well as the carpenter's trade. When seventeen years of age, he came home and worked at the latter occupation, but subsequently was engaged in teaching and playing in orchestras.

In 1858, our subject went to Barry County, Mich., and there bought land on Thornapple River, put up a mill, and engaged in the lumber business, which he carried on very successfully until the bugle blast of war swept Northward from the South. In July, 1861, his patriotism was so greatly aroused by sight of the Michigan troops going to the front, that he dropped his business and joined the troops on their way to meet the enemy. He enlisted in Company H, Sixth Michigan Infantry, and was mustered in at Kalamazoo in August, 1861. This company was called the "Eaton Rifles," and was sent to Virginia. From there they went to New Orleans with Gen. Butler in 1862, and were in the Department of the Gulf, and our subject participated in the taking of the forts below New Orleans, the siege of Port Hudson, the expedition up the Red River and Sabine Cross Roads, at which latter place he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. He was detailed in the engineer corps and assisted in building the dam across the Red River. To get the boats across, he worked in the water up to his neck, while minie-balls spattered the water around him. From there he went back to Ft. Morgan and Ft. Gaines, and re-enlisted at Ft. Hudson in 1864, remaining in active service until the close of hostilities. He was in every engagement in which his regiment participated, and served his country faithfully and well. He was mustered out at Carrollton, near New Orleans, in August, 1865, after serving four years to a day.

Returning to his old home in Massillon, our subject began teaching music, and was engaged in this for eighteen years, after which he was engaged in building and contracting in connection with his music for twelve years. He has built some of the finest residences in the city, among them being those of C. M. Russell, Charles Steese, James K. Russell, J. W. McClymond, and G. L. Albright, as fine residences as are to be found in the State. Since 1890, he has turned his attention exclusively to music, and has a very large class here. He gives lessons on the violin, guitar, and all stringed instruments, and has an orchestra here, the same being known as "Baer's Orchestra." He arranges some of the most difficult music, has made a complete success in this occupation, and is one of the finest musicians in the county. The mother of our subject made her home with him until her death, which occurred in 1885. Mr. Baer is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic, being a charter member of the post in the latter. In politics, he is a true-blue Republican.



WILLIAM F. RICKS, Cashier of the Merchants' National Bank, one of the most popular, strong and flourishing institutions of Massillon, is one of its organizers, and all the facilities consistent with sound and conservative

banking are extended to customers, and it is an appreciated factor in sustaining the commercial reputation of the city. Mr. Ricks was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., February 16, 1839, but his father was born in Prussia, Germany, and there became a paper manufacturer. He came to the United States when a young man and located in Pittsburgh, where he became connected with a large paper manufactory, and remained there until 1840, when he came to West Brookfield, Ohio, where he opened a mercantile establishment, was Postmaster for four years and made his home until 1851. At the end of this time, he returned to Pittsburgh and opened a boot and shoe store, but two years later returned to Massillon and opened a dry-goods establishment. In 1873, he was appointed Postmaster, and served two terms under Grant and Hayes. At the end of his term, he retired from active business and was called from life in November, 1890. He was a Republican in politics, and was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. His wife was born in Prussia and died in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1851, having borne her husband four children, three of whom are now living: Helena, wife of Dr. Lew Shesser, of Canton; William F., and A. J., a prominent Judge of the United States District Courts at Cleveland.

William F. Ricks passed a rather uneventful boyhood, and was taught the ordinary branches of education in the High School of Massillon, completing his literary education in the Iron City Commercial College at Pittsburgh, Pa., where his love of learning and study led him to make rapid advancement in his studies. In 1862, he purchased his father's stock of goods, and during the twenty-eight years that he followed that calling, so zealous and energetic were his labors that he prospered, and in his earliest business ventures he demonstrated the fact that he was a man of resources and indomitable energy, with a capacity for conducting enterprises of more than ordinary consequence. He has always been interested in the progress of Massillon and vicinity, and was one of the chief promoters of the Wheeling & Lake Erie, and Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroads through the county. He was interested in the rolling-mill company, called the Massillon Coal and Iron Company, and was one of its Directors.

In the fall of 1890, he sold his store, and on the 9th of June of the same year, he became one of the organizers, and eventually the Cashier of the Merchants' National Bank. He is a stockholder and Director of the Massillon Building and Loan Association and was one of its charter members. The well-known bank of which he is Cashier has a capital of $150,000, with an undivided surplus of $36,000. It is the second bank in importance in the place, and is a very flourishing institution. Mr. Ricks is the owner of considerable valuable real estate. A Republican in politics, he has supported the principles of that party on all occasions, and has been its representative in State conventions. There is not a man in the county of Stark that stands higher in public estimation than does he, but being of a rather modest disposition, he does not seem to estimate himself at his real worth. He has the happy faculty of making friends, and when once won, they are rarely lost.

ROBERT McCAUGHEY was a man whose sterling worth of character was recognized by all, and whose career was marked by uprightness and truth. He was a native of Chester County, Pa., born September, 29, 1810, a son of John and Jane (Wiley) McCaughey, and grandson of Robert and Elizabeth McCaughey, natives of Ireland. The father of our subject was born in County Derry, Ireland, in the year 1786, and was but eleven years of age when he came to this country with his parents. They settled in Chester County, Pa., and here young McCaughey passed his youthful days. He was married in this county to Miss Wiley, a native of Pennsylvania, born in the year 1784, and continued to make his home here until 1811, when he decided to move to the Buckeye State. He brought his family direct to Stark County, located in Massillon, and there remained until about 1815, when he removed to Lawrence Township and took up one hundred and sixty acres on section 11, all

wild land covered with a dense growth of timber. Notwithstanding all this, the soil was fertile, and with such rude implements as were in use in those days, the work of clearing progressed, the crops were put in, and rich returns were reaped. The father died there in 1829, and his widow afterward married Samuel Davis, and died in 1860.

Robert McCaughey was brought to Stark County, Ohio, by his parents when but six months old, and as a consequence all his early recollections are of this State. He grew to manhood in Lawrence Township, and received the training of backwoods life, and of the log schoolhouse. Being naturally bright and a great reader, he studied his lessons under the home roof, and in this way became a good scholar. He was the eldest of seven children, and at the time of his father's death was nineteen years of age. When about eighteen, he went to Massillon to learn the carpenter's trade, and served an apprenticeship of three years, traveling all over the county and working at his trade afterward. He was in Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and other large cities. Returning home to Stark County, Ohio, he was married on the 28th of December, 1837, to Miss Hannah Michener Clark, who was born in Harrison County, Ohio, on the 4th of August, 1820, the only child of Samuel and Hannah Clark, the latter dying when Mrs. McCaughey was but four days old. Her father afterward returned to Ireland, his native country, and left his child, Hannah, in the care of her grandparents, who kept her until she was two years old, after which her mother's sister, Mrs. Rachel Haines, reared her until she was nine years of age. She was then placed in the care of her guardian, Dr. B. Michener, of Canton, with whom she remained until her marriage, when seventeen years of age.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. McCaughey located in Canal Fulton, where our subject worked at his trade until 1841, when they located on the old homestead formerly belonging to his father. This land was on section 11, and here Mr. McCaughey continued to reside, engaged in tilling the soil, until his death on the 15th of October, 1868. His wife survived him until the 3d of November, 1889. In politics, he was a Democrat. Nine children were born to this worthy couple, five daughters and four sons, as follows: John C. and Hannah J., deceased; Elizabeth A., Martha L.; Mary Bell, deceased; Robert W., of Massillon; Charles E., William W. and Clara E., deceased. Martha and Elizabeth reside on the old homestead, and are carrying on the farm of one hundred and sixty acres with the help of hired hands. They are members of the Presbyterian Church of Canal Fulton, and are highly esteemed for their many womanly virtues. The great-grandfather's parents were from Scotland, and settled in the North of Ireland.

FERD R. WEBER. Among the resources that go to make up the commercial resources of the town of Canton, the trade carried on in coal is a most important feature, and foremost among those engaged in it here is Mr. Ferd R. Weber, wholesale and retail dealer in coal. Mr. Weber was born in Canton, in July, 1863, and is the youngest of seven sons.

Our subject's parents, John and Catherine (Ohliger) Weber, were natives of Germany, but at an early age they crossed the ocean to America, and were married in this country. They settled in Canton, Ohio, and there make their home at the present time. The original of this notice received his education in the Canton schools, and afterward received a thorough training in Canton College, thus laying the foundation for his subsequent prosperous career, for it has long been acknowledged that no matter what a man's occupation in life may be, a very necessary element to his success is a good education.

After finishing his scholastic training, our subject was employed by the Diebold Safe & Lock Company as shipping clerk, which position he held six years. Afterward he was in the employ of Ridgeway, Burton & Co., as book-keeper, and was so expert and thorough-going, that he remained in their employ for five years. The determination and perseverance so characteristic of those of German

descent were plainly discernible in young Weber at an early age, and as he was upright and honorable in all his transactions, success only awaited him.

In 1890, he purchased an interest in the business of Ridgeway, Burton & Co., dealers in coal, and later he purchased their interest and succeeded to the business. He handles hard, soft and blacksmith's coal, and has a very extensive local trade, running from twelve to fifteen delivery wagons in the city of Canton. He is energetic and enterprising, a thorough and competent man of business, and is honorable and upright in all his dealings.

Mr. Weber selected his wife in the person of Miss Dora Elmer, and their nuptials were celebrated on the 4th of December, 1891. Her father, C. H. Elmer, is a member of the well-known firm of Sherlock, Elmer & Sherlock. For twelve years Mr. Weber was Treasurer, and three years Manager of the Schafer Opera House, during which time he showed great tact and excellent judgment in selecting companies, and in the management of the business generally, notwithstanding his great rivalry with the Grand Opera House.

JAMES H. McLAIN is a wealthy manufacturer of Canton, and is at the head of the well-known establishment of J. H. McLain & Co., of that place. His home, however, has always been in Massillon, where he is well known and has a host of warm friends. He was born in this city November 16, 1842, his father being John E. McLain, a native of Greene County, Pa., where he was born on the 5th of July, 1814. He was a blacksmith by trade, and after following this calling for four years, he came with his parents, James and Eleanor (Evans) McLain, to New Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1820, where he was left an orphan at the age of ten years. In 1832, he turned his footsteps in the direction of Massillon, and began serving an apprenticeship with Jacob Jacoby. Four years later, he purchased the establishment belonging to Mr. Everhart, and, in partnership with a Mr. Knapp, manufactured the first threshing-machine that was ever put up in Stark County. In 1840, he became the owner of three canal boats, running from Cleveland to Portsmouth, and was subsequently successfully engaged in the livery, drug and dry-goods business.

He was next engaged to superintend the building of the shops belonging to the firm of Davenport, Russell & Co.; then became Superintendent of the Massillon Iron Company, and upon its failure began conducting the establishment on his own account. From 1849 to 1851, he was engaged in the manufacture of carriages, but in the last-mentioned year, in partnership with H. S. Yesler, he erected the first sawmill in Seattle, Wash., which was soon doing a prosperous business, and made annual trips to that place. In 1856, he became a President of a private bank, but from 1862 to 1865 was the proprietor of a dry-goods establishment, and from 1862 to 1864 was Provost-Marshal of Stark County. In 1867, he visited California, and other Western States and Territories, and for twenty-two years was connected with the sawmilling business in the West. In 1869, in connection with Mr. Hunt, he started a private bank, but sold out in 1875, and bought the Union National Bank, of which he was President until his death, being also largely engaged in the real-estate business. He laid out three additions to Massillon, was at one time one of its Aldermen, and politically, affiliated with the Republican party.

January 10, 1839, he was married to Miss Eliza Austin, a daughter of Isaac Austin, who settled in this county at an early date, and here the mother passed from life in the fall of 1885, her husband's death occurring in March of the following year. Of six children born to them, five attained maturity, and four are now living. Of this family, James H. McLain is the second in order of birth. His facilities for obtaining an education were very good, and after finishing a high-school course, he spent some time in Duff's Business College, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Upon leaving this institution, he

became a partner in his father's dry-goods establishment, and was given charge of the same. The firm afterward became known as McLain & Rick, and in 1866 as McLain, Ranger & Co., their business being located at the corner of Main and Erie Streets, and existing until 1872. Succeeding this, he was in the banking business for three years, during which time he became interested in the White Sandstone Quarry, in partnership with John Paul and J. H. Hunt, which they operated for one year. In 1876, Mr. McLain purchased a one-half interest in the Crystal Mills at Millport, and has since been connected with the milling interests of this section. About 1884, he sold his mills and bought an interest in the stone quarries at Tippecanoe, at which time he was also interested in the coal business. In the fall of 1887, having some stock in, and being a Director of, the Canton Car Company, he continued to purchase stock in the same until he became the owner of it all. He is now its efficient President and Treasurer; his son Frank C. is Vice-president, and his son John E. is Secretary. This establishment occupies five acres of ground in the heart of Canton, and is conveniently located near the Ft. Wayne Railroad. All kinds of iron and brass goods are manufactured here, and thirteen different styles of feed-mills are turned out, as well as machinery for sawmills. They do a general job work, and have one of the largest brass foundries in the State. They have three engines, one one hundred and fifty horse power, the other forty horse power, and another eight horse power. Steady employment is given to two hundred skilled mechanics, and three competent salesmen are kept constantly on the road. Their feed-mills are sold by a Chicago Company, and car loads of their goods are shipped to all parts of the United States. All orders trusted to this reliable firm are sure of receiving the personal supervison of Mr. McLain.

August 3, 1865, he was married to Miss Ellen M. Tonner, daughter of John Tonner, a Pennsylvanian, who became a dry-goods merchant of Bellefontaine, Ohio. From 1862 until his death, he was Secretary of the firm of Aultman & Co. of Canton. He passed from life in 1874, but his widow, who was formerly Miss Lydia Kramer, of Pennsylvania, survives him and resides in Canton. Mrs. McLain is the next to the youngest of nine children born to her parents, her native place being Bellefontaine. She was educated at the Pittsburg Female College, and possessing a naturally fine mind, she did credit to herself and the institution. She has borne her husband four children: Frank C., John E., Percy L., and Helen R., all of whom are intelligent, the sons being wide-awake and enterprising young business men.

Mr. McLain is a Knight Templar, belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1863, he was mustered into the Union service at Camp Chase, and was stationed at Covington, Ky., during most of his service. He received his discharge in September, 1864, and returned home. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and has ever been very public-spirited. He has a beautiful home at the corner of South and McLain Streets, and there a refined, generous and free-hearted hospitality is dispensed.

JACOB RUDY, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., December 17, 1808, the eldest child born to George and Elizabeth Rudy, who were also natives of the Keystone State. His career is but another example of what energy, industry and perseverance, when intelligently applied, will accomplish, for his enterprises resulted most satisfactorily. He was left motherless at the age of nine years, and from that time until he attained his majority he made his home with his maternal grandmother in Pennsylvania. He and his brother Isaac then came as far West as Darke County, Ohio, and after some time, leaving his brother there, Jacob pushed on to Stark County, and for two or three years thereafter made his home with an aunt at Uniontown. In the meantime, he had, by prudence and foresight, saved enough means to enable him to purchase a small farm in Jackson Township, which he rented for

one year, but the following year moved onto the place, his aunt, Catherine Rudy, becoming his housekeeper.

On the 31st of March, 1842, our subject married Miss Catherine Bachtel, who is still living, and they at once began housekeeping on the farm that he had purchased. At that time there were only about twenty acres under cultivation, on which was a large log house, and in this they lived until 1869, when the house in which Mrs. Rudy now lives was erected. Mr. Rudy was a general farmer and stock-raiser, and everything about his place indicated to the beholder a thorough and progressive owner and a model farmer. He was wide-awake on all questions pertaining to the agricultural interests of the county, and gave them such close attention that prior to his death he had become the owner of five hundred acres of land in Jackson Township.

Politically, Mr. Rudy was a stanch Republican, and when necessary his vote and influence were cast in favor of the men and measures of that party. He was an Elder and was for many years a member of the Reformed Church, being an active worker in the cause of Christianity, not only in theory but also in practice, and used his means liberally in its support. He was well known for his generosity and free-heartedness, his life was full of kind deeds, and it can truly be said of him that he never violated a friendship nor forgot a kind action done him. He was one of those who would that "the left hand should not know what the right hand doeth." Such men as Mr. Rudy make model American citizens, and the world is better for their having lived. His wife was born in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, December 10, 1823, a daughter of Samuel Bachtel, who was born in Washington County, Pa. His father, Jacob Bachtel, is supposed to have also been born in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Rudy's mother was Elizabeth Leckron, a Pennsylvanian, and she and her husband were among the early pioneers of Stark County, Ohio. She died at about the age of seventy-two years, her husband having passed from life when about fifty years of age. Of three sons and four daughters born to them, all grew to maturity, married and reared families, but only three are living at the present time: Margaret, wife of William Stover; Isaac S., of Massillon, and Catherine, widow of Jacob Rudy. The latter was reared and educated in Jackson Township. By her marriage with Mr. Rudy she became the mother of two sons and two daughters: Ann Elizabeth, wife of Martin Shafer, of Jackson Township; Samuel B., who married Maggie Ream, of Greentown, and died in 1877; Mary A., wife of Samuel P. Killinger, of Jackson Township; and Henry Clay, who married Ella Clark, and died in September, 1891.

PETER HENSEL for a number of years held an important place among the principal farmers of Perry Township, where he had valuable farming interests and was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. A native of this State, he was born June 18, 1828, in Stark County, and was the son of John Hensel, a native of Pennsylvania, and an early settler of this county.

Our subject was reared to man's estate amid the pioneer scenes of Stark County, and received his education in the schools which were carried on near his home, and which were taught in log houses, furnished with rude slab seats that stood on wooden legs. Holes were bored on either side of the building, and a slab laid on the wooden pins inserted therein served as writing-desks for the larger scholars.

Mr. Hensel of this sketch was married April 10, 1851, to Sarah Stamm, who was born in Centre County, Pa., December 10, 1837. She was a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Fromm) Stamm, and was an infant of twelve months when she was brought by her parents to this county. They were among the early settlers of Bethlehem Township, Mr. and Mrs. Stamm settling in the woods and making their home in a rude log cabin. They endured all the hardships of pioneer life and labored industriously to place their farm under good cultiva-

tion. Mrs. Hensel was one in a family of ten children born to her parents, of whom three are living, her sisters being Mrs. Mary C. Whistler and Mrs. Abraham Taylor.

To our subject and his wife were born a family of four children: Ira, Emanias, Catherine (Mrs. Austin Camp) and Harvey. Mr. Hensel departed this life October 29, 1888, highly esteemed by all who knew him, and in his death Perry Township lost one of her best citizens, and his family a loving father and husband. He was a Republican in politics and true to all the obligations imposed upon him as a man and a citizen. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and never wavered in his loyalty to that denomination. He was Deacon in the church and hallowed every social and religious tie by a pure and upright life.

At his death, Mr. Hensel left a valuable estate of two hundred and eighty acres, which was embellished with all the buildings which are to be found on a model farm, and all the accessories in keeping with the enterprise and progressive spirit of the owner. His life was a busy and useful one, well and worthily spent, and as such we are pleased to place his sketch before our readers.

HAMAN BORDNER. Among the native-born citizens of Stark County, a goodly number have turned their attention to the work of tilling the soil, and to the stock-raising business, which forms so fitting an addition to ordinary farm work. Among this number in Perry Township is the gentleman above named, who is pleasantly located, and owns a fine farm of two hundred and forty-seven broad and fertile acres, and upon this estate a complete line of substantial and well-arranged buildings may be seen. Mr. Bordner has pursued his vocation in an intelligent manner, bringing to bear upon it the progressive spirit of the age and an energetic nature.

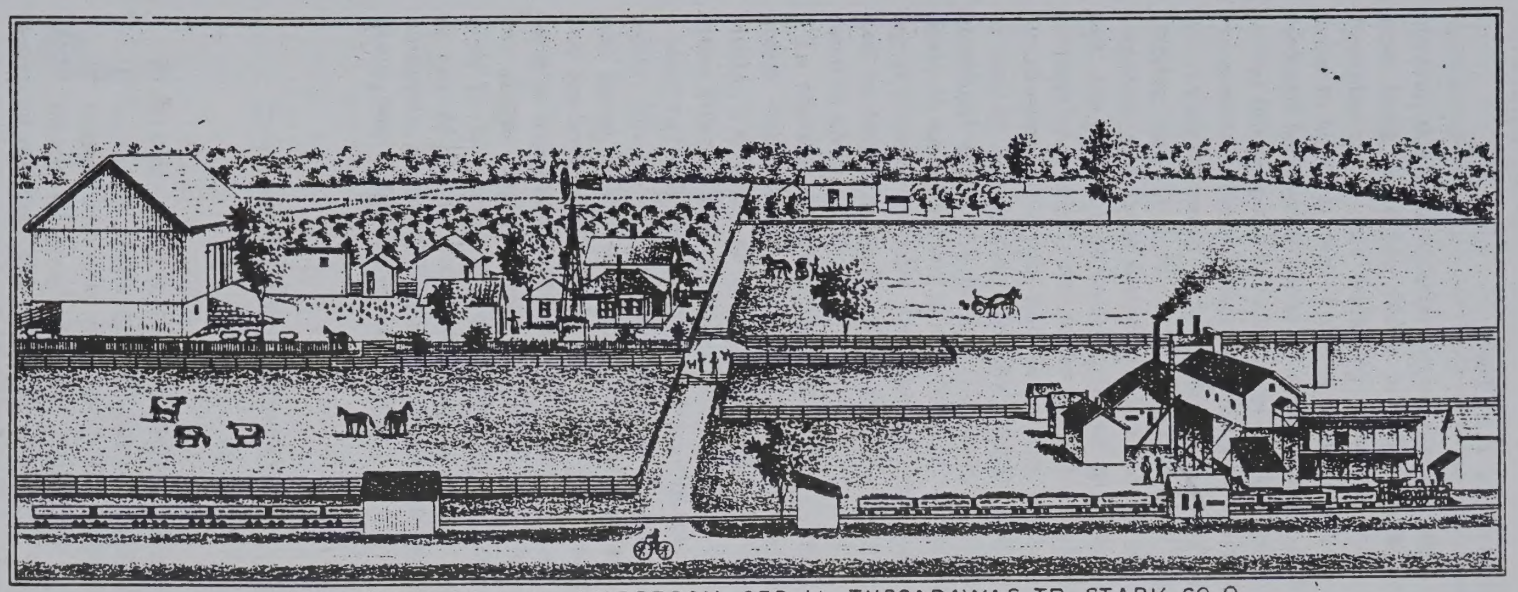
Our subject, who was born in Bethlehem Township, this county, September 8, 1829, is a son of John P. and Sarah Bordner, natives of Pennsylvania. The father of our subject emigrated from his native State to this county about 1822, just two years after the death of his father. He was a farmer and carpenter by occupation, and when ready to establish a home of his own, married Miss Sarah Bordner, and to them was born a family of thirteen children, of whom the following survive: Josiah J., John W., Haman, Harriet, Levi, Aaron, Daniel, William R., Maria, and Joseph F. The wife and mother departed this life in 1876. Of the father's second marriage two sons were born, Wilson and Fremont.

John P. Bordner, when locating in this county, made his home in Bethlehem Township and set about the hard task of redeeming a portion of the soil from its primitive wildness. He endured all the privations to which the pioneer is subjected, and died at his home in Pike Township, whither he had removed a few years before his decease, in 1878. After abandoning his trade, that of a carpenter, he followed farming for the remainder of his life and succeeded in accumulating a property. In religious matters, he was identified with the German Reformed Church and was active in all good works of that body.

Our subject was born in a log cabin in Bethlehem Township, where he was reared to man's estate. Like other farmer lads, he received his early education in the district schools of his locality and later attended the public schools, thus receiving a good practical education. March 25, 1854, he married Miss Lydia, daughter of Jacob and Mary Kiddinger, the latter of whom makes her home with our subject. Mrs. Bordner was born in Pennsylvania, and by her union with our subject has became the mother of two children, Samantha (Mrs. Hiram Clay) and Franklin J.

In the spring of 1854, Mr. Bordner began farming on rented land in Pike Township, which he continued to operate for two years, then removed to Perry Township, and later to Canton Township, where he was similarly engaged for ten years.

The first property of which our subject became the owner was eighty acres of his present farm, upon which he erected a log cabin. In 1880,



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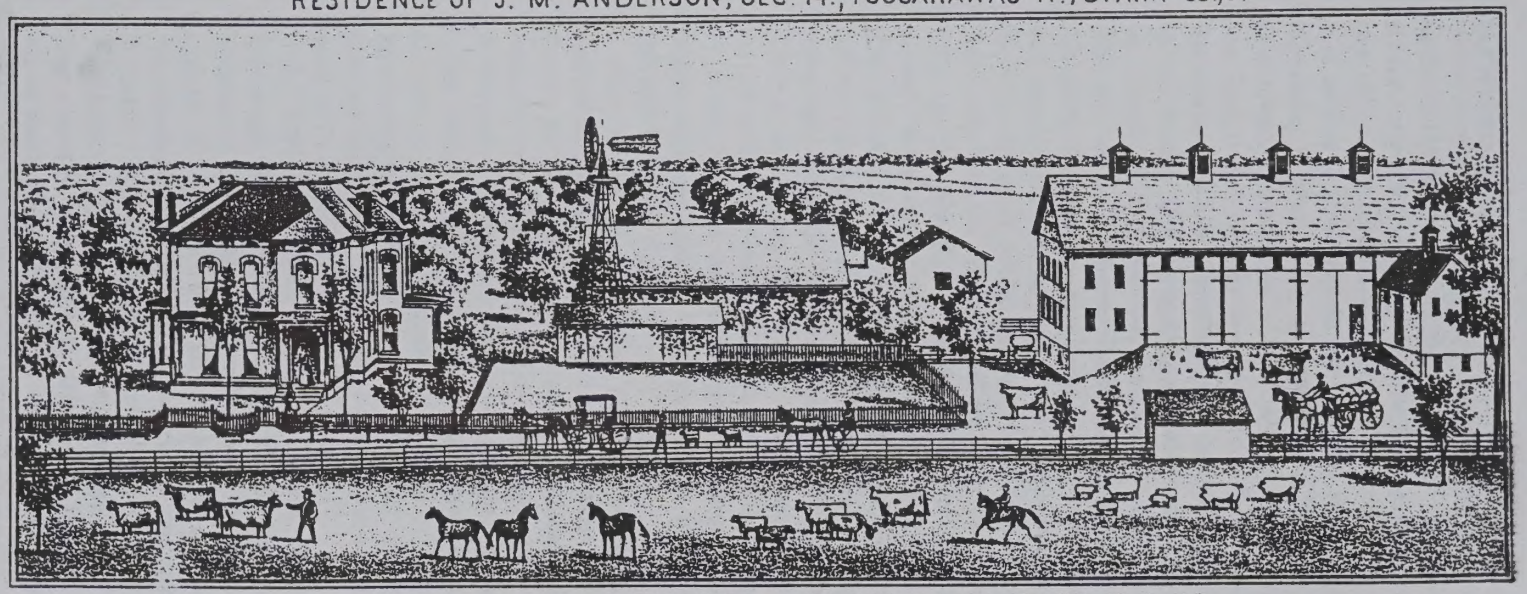

RESIDENCE OF HAMAN BORDNER, SEC. 12., PERRY TP., STARK CO., OHIO.

however, this rude structure gave way to a handsome brick residence which is well furnished throughout. He has added by subsequent purchases to his farm until it now comprises two hundred and forty-seven acres of valuable land, and besides this property he is the proprietor of eighty-five acres in Jackson Township. He is an upright man, straightforward in all his dealings, and is obliging and kind in all his relations with his neighbors and those with whom he comes in contact. His present high standing in the agricultural community is largely due to the aid and advice of his excellent wife, who has been a true helpmate to him by her prudence in the management of household affairs and loving sympathy. His interest in school matters has resulted in his serving as Director for some time, but although solicited to hold some political offices, has always refused to do so.

In addition to raising the cereals, Mr. Bordner breeds Short-horn, Jersey and Guernsey cattle, making a specialty of the latter breed. He also raises Poland-China hogs, and altogether has won a most enviable reputation as a farmer in this locality. In his political relation, he is a conspicuous figure in the ranks of the Democratic party and has hosts of friends in the community where he is so well known. With his family, he is a member of the English Reformed Church, in which body he is serving as Elder. He is looked upon as one of the influential members of society, his education, good breeding and honorable character giving him weight in the community.

JOHN M. ANDERSON. In this volume may be found biographies of many influential citizens who have plodded up the steeps of honor and prosperity with remarkable energy and success. The life of Mr. Anderson furnishes a good example of this kind. He is now the owner of a good farm in Tuscarawas Township, and thereon is devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. Progressive in every way, he is known in this section as one of the well-to-do and prominent farmers.

A native of this county, our subject was born November 6, 1842, a son of Samuel and Sarah J. (McDowell) Anderson. The father, who also was born in this county, was a son of David M. Anderson, who was one of the very earliest settlers in this State. The paternal grandfather was one of a family of four children, as follows: Mary E., who married J. G. Dague; David M., John M. and Samantha J. Samuel, the father, was a shrewd and capable business man and was frequently selected to fill some public position, such as that of Township Trustee, the duties of which were faithfully and conscientiously discharged. In all the country there was no more ardent and consistent Republican, and no man of better impulses and stricter integrity than he. He was one of the prominent members of the United Presbyterian Church at Dalton, in which denomination he served as Elder. His death, which occurred June 17, 1887, was the result of heart disease. His widow survived him for some years and departed this life February 6, 1892.

John M. Anderson of this sketch has always resided in this county and during the early days did his full share of pioneer work in assisting his father to redeem his farm from what was then a wilderness. Like other farmer lads, he was given a fair education in the district schools, and being an apt pupil and desirous of gaining a good knowledge of books, he made the best of his opportunities and is to-day one of the well-educated men of this county.

In 1864, he became a member of the Guard Company, which was organized at Dalton for the defense of the State, and later was sent to Washington, D. C., where, with his comrades, he assisted in guarding Ft. Ethan Allen, where he remained for some three months and was then honorably discharged. February 7 of the following year he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah J., daughter of Samuel and Mary Doll, natives of Pennsylvania. Of the three children born to them, Samuel W. is deceased. Those surviving are Mary F. (Mrs. Eli Mock) and Harvey W.

Mr. Anderson owns sixty acres of well cultivated land, and with his wife is a regular attenddant and devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics, he is a stalwart Republican, and with his family is highly esteemed in social circles, and at his hospitable home is wont to entertain many friends.

THOMAS SCHREFFLER. Among the pioneers and substantial farmers of this county this gentleman is numbered. He began life empty-handed, but by unremitting industry, seconded by sound judgment and shrewd business faculties, he has acquired wealth, and is the proprietor of a fine farm in Bethlehem Township. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Dauphin County, November 14, 1817, and is a son of Conrad and Catherine (Bordner) Schreffler, natives respectively of Berks and Dauphin Counties, Pa.

The father of our subject was a soldier in the War of 1812, and in the spring of 1837, with his parents, emigrated to this county and lived for one year on a farm in Pike Township. After residing in Perry Township one year thereafter, the family took up their abode in Bethlehem Township, where our subject was reared to man's estate. Here young Thomas assisted his father in cultivating their new farm, and hence may be considered one of the early settlers of this county. His education was received in the common schools of the district in his native State, where he acquired a good practical knowledge.

Miss Catherine, daughter of Daniel Snyder, an early settler of this township, became the wife of our subject in 1843. Seven of the eight children born to them are living and bear the respective names of Solomon, John, Conrad, James, Parcilla, Annie and Malinda; Jefferson is deceased. Mr. Schreffler is one of the self-made men, as he started out in life with no means whatever, and by hard work and close economy has placed himself among the wealthy farmers of this part of the county. He now owns two hundred and twenty-five acres of good farming land which is well-stocked, and from his agricultural interests he derives a handsome income.

Mr. Schreffler is well informed regarding general topics, and having weighed the political questions of the day has identified himself with the Democratic party. He is popular in local affairs and served his district as School Director for a number of years. With his wife, he is a regular attendant at the Lutheran Church, of which they are members and looked upon with respect by all who know them. Our subject is a member of the Grange at Navarre, and himself and wife are valued members of the community. Their home is replete with every comfort that one could desire, and their social and moral qualities have won them many friends during the number of years which they have resided here, and have made them an influence for much good in social and religious matters.

AMASA BAILEY has made farming his principal occupation, and that he has been successful, is attested by the appearance of his fine and well-managed farm, with its many valuable improvements, in Perry Township. He is a native of Massillon, his birth occurring November 14, 1830. He is the son of Amasa, Sr., and Sarah (Eaton) Bailey, natives of Massachusetts. His father, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, emigrated in 1814 to Cleveland, this State, the journey from Massachusetts to the Forest City consuming six weeks. There the elder Mr. Bailey resided until 1825, following his trade of a harness and saddle maker. At the expiration of that time, he went to Akron, where he was similarly employed until his advent into this county in 1826.

On making his home in this section, the father of our subject located in what is now the Fourth Ward of Massillon, whence he removed to the farm which is the present property of our subject, set-

tling upon the place when it bore but little semblance to its now prosperous condition. He was a truthful, upright, honorable man, and his citizenship was creditable to his adopted township. He took a great interest in whatever concerned his community, and departed this life December 14, 1873. He was followed to the better land four years later by his wife, who died December 29, 1877. They were the parents of a large family of children, only two of whom are surviving: Mrs. Mary A. Brown and our subject. The father gave his earnest support to the Republican party, and in his death the county lost one of its best citizens.

Amasa Bailey, of this sketch, was reared to man's estate in this county, and has done much pioneer work. He received his education in the log schools of that early period, and making the best of his limited opportunities, is to-day a well-read and intelligent gentleman. He was married February 22, 1870, to Miss Eleanor Jones, who was born in Berks County, Pa., January 1, 1837, and is the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Wann) Jones, also natives of the Keystone State. In 1844, Mrs. Bailey accompanied her parents on their removal to this county, the journey being made overland with teams. They made their home in what is now the Fourth Ward of Massillon, where the parents died. They had a family of four children: Joanna, Mrs. Thomas J. Hill; Elizabeth, the widow of Peter Hill; Mrs. Bailey; and Hannah, the wife of Nathan Moles.

To our subject and his estimable wife has been born a family of two children, James H., who is deceased, and Warren R. Mr. Bailey is the proprietor of ninety-eight and one-half acres of valuable land, which compares favorably with other farms in this vicinity in point of cultivation and improvement. He and his family are quietly enjoying the comforts of life that they have gathered around them, and are kindly, hospitable people, and much esteemed members of society.

Our subject, in his political relations, always casts a straight Republican vote, is ever ready in a quiet way to advance the interests of his party, but never makes himself conspicuous by seeking political honors. Socially, he is a member of Perry Grange at Massillon, with whose affairs he has been actively identified since joining it. The father of Mrs. Bailey died in 1885, when in his eighty-sixth year, and her mother, who was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in 1873.

SAMUEL H. BAUGHMAN owns and occupies a farm of two hundred and forty-nine acres in Sugar Creek Township, where the work of his hands is plainly indicated by its present condition. The property bears the usual improvements made by a man of enterprising spirit and good judgment, and presents an appearance of home comfort attractive to the passer-by. Having come here when twenty years of age, Mr. Baughman knows much of the history of this part of the State, and has done his share in clearing and opening up the new country for those who should come after. He deserves great credit for the manner in which he has fought the battle of life, as he began his personal career with an extremely limited capital and little book knowledge. By dint of good habits and firm principles, he has won his way to a position of worldly prosperity, and gained the esteem of his associates while so doing.

Born in Cumberland County, Pa., August 15, 1815, our subject is the son of John and Margaret Baughman, who were also born in the Keystone State. The father, who occupied a good position among his fellow-citizens, is said to have been a soldier in the War of 1812. Samuel H. was a young man of twenty years when he accompanied his parents and other members of the family to this county, and with them located upon a raw tract of land in Tuscarawas Township, which is now the property of his brother, David H. They resided for a time in a log cabin and were among the early pioneers of the county and township. Of the parental family, the following children survive: Ellen, who makes her home in

Indiana; Margaret, Mrs. Philip Bretz, of Summit County, this State; Samuel H., our subject; Sallie A., now the widow of Lewis Lessig, and David H.

When ready to choose a vocation in life, young Baughman began as an agriculturist, which occupation he has always followed, and the success which he has met with in the prosecution of his calling and the accumulation of property is commendable, as he is one of those who began at the very foundation of worldly affairs. He attended the pioneer schools of the township where he lived, and which were taught in a rude log house heated by an open fireplace. As soon as large enough, his services were required on the farm, and he thus received a thorough training in the business in which he has been so successful.

The marriage of Mr. Baughman and Miss Elizabeth Smith was solemnized July 30, 1846. Mrs. Baughman is also a native of Stark County and the daughter of Jacob Smith, an early settler in Sugar Creek Township. She is one of those who believe that a wife and mother should keep up her interest in those things in which her family is interested and not allow the cares of housekeeping to occupy her entire thought. She therefore possesses a considerable fund of information and has her own opinions regarding public affairs and the events that are transpiring. Their two children who are living are Samuel D., who married Amelia Harrold, and has two sons: Thomas and John W. Benjamin P., the second child of our subject, married Mary Blocher. Those deceased in the parental family are John and Lewis.

The two hundred and forty-nine acres of land of which Mr. Baughman is the proprietor have been improved with every building necessary for the carrying on of farm work, and by being properly cultivated bring their owner a handsome income. Although Mr. Baughman has never sought office, he has served as Trustee of Sugar Creek Township for a number of years, and no member of the community stands higher in the opinion of his fellow-citizens than he. He is greatly interested in school affairs and has done much to advance their standard in this county. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has held the office of Trustee, and as a charitable and benevolent man, he is ever rea d to extend a helping hand to those in need of assistance, and has thus won many friends, who esteem him highly for his sterling worth.

JOHN J. ZAISER. A prominent position among the business men of Canton has for many years been occupied by the gentleman with whose name we introduce this sketch, and who is a successful contractor and builder. In addition, he is engaged as a dealer in wire office and desk railings, window guards, etc., and has recently added another feature to his business, viz., cement, flour and feed. As may be imagined, he is a busy man, and besides other enterprises in which he is interested, he superintends the management of his farm of one hundred and seven acres, located eight miles from the city of Canton, in charge of a tenant.

A native of Lexington Township, Stark County, Mr. Zaiser was born October 30, 1843. His parents, John M. and Elizabeth (Schuler) Zaiser, were natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States in their youth, and were united in marriage in Stark County. The father learned the trade of a tailor in Germany, and was thus engaged until his death, his farm in Lexington Township being managed by his sons. Of his first marriage, seven children were born, four of whom still survive, namely: Elizabeth, wife of Godfred Drayer; Jacob P., now Justice of the Peace in Lexington Township; Margaret, wife of John Fogle; and our subject. Of the second marriage of John M. Zaiser there were also seven children born, six of whom are now living, as follows: Sarah, Carrie, Rosina, Michael A., William and Pauline.

Until he was eighteen years of age, our subject remained on the home farm, receiving his education in the common schools of the district, which he attended during the winter months prior to the age of fourteen. He enlisted July 9, 1862, and

was mustered into service August 14th following, as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Infantry. He served in the Federal army until December 4, 1864, when he was captured near Nashville, Tenn., and taken to Andersonville. About one o'clock on April 1, 1865, he was exchanged in the rear of Vicksburg, where he lay in camp twenty-four days.

Taking passage on the steamer "Sultana," Mr. Zaiser reached the group of islands ten miles north of Memphis at 2 o'clock A. M., at which time the "Sultana" exploded, and, taking fire, was totally destroyed. Mr. Zaiser was in the water about six hours, when he was rescued, taken to Memphis, and furnished necessary articles of clothing. Thence he was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, and ten days later was discharged by order of the War Department, June 20, 1865.

Upon his return home, Mr. Zaiser engaged at his trade of a carpenter, serving an apprenticeship, and afterward working as a journeyman for about three years. In 1868, he commenced to operate as a contractor, and since that time has built a large number of the finest residences in Canton. He took the $30,000 contract for the Grand Opera House; a $20,000 contract for the Duber Avenue Schoolhouse, besides erecting the elegant residence of James E. Dougherty on South Cleveland Avenue, and the attractive home of John Kraus, on East Tuscarawas Street. In addition, he took the contract for the $20,000 school building erected in Salem, Ohio, and the $14,000 depot for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He is widely known as one of the best contractors in Ohio, and has gained an enviable reputation in business circles.

The pleasant residence at No. 420 East Tuscarawas Street, in which Mr. Zaiser makes his home, is presided over by a lady of culture who, prior to becoming his wife, was Miss Lizetta Harding. She was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and removed thence to the Buckeye State, where her marriage took place November 26, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Zaiser have had five children, four of whom are now living, namely: Lione A., Harvey W., Inez E., and Irene A. Mrs. Zaiser and the three eldest children are members of the First Methodist Church of Canton. Socially, Mr. Zaiser is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The position occupied by his family is one of prominence in the social circles of the city and they are numbered among the best people in the community.

JOHN WILLIS, President of the Willis & Lind Lumber Company, Canton, Ohio. Of the various enterprises that have made Canton one of the commercial centers of the State, the lumber trade has always held an important place, employing large capital in its conduct, and giving to cognate industries a decided impetus by the energy and ability displayed in its development. In every department the enterprise characteristic of its leading exponents has been abundantly shown, and the flourishing character of their establishments amply demonstrate the vigorous grasp with which they have seized and held the trade in this gigantic industry. Among the most active, enterprising firms engaged in this line is the Willis & Lind Lumber Co., of Canton, Ohio, manufacturers of sash, door, blind, stairs, building material, saloon fixtures, mantels, and all kinds of hardwood finish. The plant is located on East Eighth Street and the buildings are first-class and well adapted for the business. The machinery is of the latest and best make and the company employs at all times from forty to sixty men. The machinery is run by a hundred and twenty-five horse power engine. This company has a large local trade, but ships largely to the cities throughout the United States.

Mr. Willis, who is President of this mammoth establishment, is a native of the Green Isle of Erin, born in the city of Belfast, March 17, 1830, and is the seventh in order of birth of eleven children born to the marriage of Philip and Isabel (McLean) Willis, both natives of Glasgow, Scotland. When nine years of age, our subject was left without the guidance and care of a father, the latter having died in 1839, and our subject attended the schools

of the city, where he was thoroughly drilled in book learning. He remained at Montgomery Castle until the age of fourteen years, when he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, serving five years. During that time he attended night school, and completing his trade, traveled as a journeyman, visiting different towns and cities in his native country. On the 6th of April, 1853, he sailed for the United States on the vessel, "Zion's Hope," bound for New York City. On his arrival he directed his steps to the Buckeye State and located in New Philadelphia, where he worked at his trade one season. In the following fall he came to Massillon, this State, and worked in a door and sash factory for two years for the firm of Mong & Snyder. After this he was in the employ of Russell & Company, manufacturers of threshing-machines, and he continued with that company for six years. In 1861, he came to Canton and was employed by C. Aultman & Company, in the wood department, remaining three years. In 1861, he with others was ordered out in a company known as the "Squirrel Hunters," and was on guard duty. At the expiration of one hundred days he was regularly mustered in and rendered faithful service to his country.

In the year 1864 he started in business on his own responsibility and operated a sash and door factory and also handled lumber. Two years later, he took George Gremminger as partner, under the firm name of Willis & Gremminger, but this partnership was of short duration. Mr. Benskin purchased in May, 1864, the interest of Mr. Gremminger and the firm name was then changed to Willis & Benskin.

This firm later took in Joseph Weaver and John Kaley, when the name was changed to Willis, Benskin, Weaver & Kaley, and continued thus a few years. Then Mr. Willis purchased the entire interest and soon after took in Charles Lind as partner.

This continued until 1891, when the business was merged into a stock company with the following; officers: John Willis, President; Charles Lind, Vice-president; Grant B. Willis, Secretary and Treasurer; and Lincoln E. Willis, Foreman and Superintendent. In 1854, Mr. Willis led to the altar Miss Mary Ann Benskin, a native of England but who was residing in Massillon at the time of her marriage. They are the parents of an interesting family of ten children, seven daughters and three sons, eight of whom survive at the present time. Mr. Willis has been a prominent Mason since his twenty-first year and is a member of Canton Lodge No. 60, F. & A. M. In politics, he is a Republican and his first Presidential vote was cast for Col. John C. Fremont and his last for Benjaman Harrison in 1888. Mr. Willis resides at No. 214 West Seventh Street.

JAMES H. CONKELL. Probably in the history of the representative houses of Canton, there can be found no more striking example of what may be accomplished by industry and judgment than is exemplified by the Canton Monument & Mantel Company at Nos. 10 & 12 East Seventh Street. The Superintendent of this flourishing enterprise, to whom its success is principally due, is the subject of this sketch. A native of Ohio, he was born in Jefferson County, July 12, 1847. His parents, John W. and Sarah J. (Lawson) Conkell, were natives respectively of Prussia and Pennsylvania.

The father of our subject learned the trade of a shoemaker in his native land, whence he emigrated to America in his boyhood, and settled in Pennsylvania. He was there married, and when his only child was one year old he died, in 1848, mourned by his large circle of friends. The mother survived a number of years, passing away in 1864. Left fatherless when a mere infant, our subject was reared by his mother, and in his childhood attended the common schools near Toronto, Ohio. After leaving school, he learned the trade of a marble-cutter at Ravenna, this State, and at the expiration of his apprenticeship he worked as a "jour" for two years.

In the fall of 1867, Mr. Conkell came to Canton, and two years later commenced in business for himself. In 1879, in connection with another gentleman, he organized the Canton Monument

& Mantel Company, and in 1891 purchased the interest of his partner, since which time the business has been conducted under his management. The company deals in marble and granite monuments, wood and slate mantels, plain and fancy brass grates, tile hearths and facings, floor tiling, etc., and is the exclusive agent for the celebrated Wellman Grate. Mr. Conkell is a practical business man, having been engaged as a marble-cutter since his boyhood, and has an established reputation as a man of excellent judgment. He makes a specialty of the monument business, and carries a full line of the finest monuments in the city.

A very important event in the life of Mr. Conkell was his marriage, which was solemnized December 2, 1868, when Miss Ida Patterson, of Canton, became his wife. She is a lady of great nobility of character and kindness of heart, and is highly esteemed in the social circles of Canton. Six children have been born to the union: Wilson, Etta, Kate, James, Lulu and Frank. A sincere Christian, Mr. Conkell is identified with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Canton, and contributes liberally of his means to the promotion of religious and philanthropic enterprises.

REV. JOHN MORGAN THOMAS, of Alliance, was born in the County of Carmarthen, South Wales, in the year 1825. His entire life has been devoted to the ministry. He united with the Congregational Church in his fourteenth year, and was soon encouraged to preach. He acquired his education under peculiar difficulties, but by determination completed the course, and was called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Glynneath, Glamorganshire, in the year 1846.

In 1849, Mr. Thomas emigrated to America, and accepted a call from the Broome Street Congregational Church of New York City. In 1850, he returned to his native land to wed the lady to whom his troth had been plighted, Miss Sarah P. James, of Lanover, Monmouthshire. She has been his faithful wife and companion for forty-two years. Hand and hand, they have traveled life's journey together, sharing with each other its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were born seven children, who were reared in the fear of God and thoroughly equipped for the battles and responsibilities of life. The eldest, Dr. J. J., of Youngstown, is a graduate of Jefferson College, Philadelphia, and is highly esteemed as a skillful physician and a valuable citizen; Rev. W. A. is a graduate of Mt. Union College and the Yale Theological Seminary, and is now pastor of the Congregational Church of Milford, N. H.; Katie, who was educated in Ironton, Ohio, is the wife of Rev. I. M. Parker, of New York City; Clara Fremont, a graduate of the Alliance High School, is the wife of A. D. Brosins, agent for the Adams Express Company in Wooster, Ohio; Agnes Lincoln, a graduate of Mt. Union College and of the School of Elocution and Oratory of Philadelphia, is the wife of R. C. Morris, of Greenville, Ill.; Anna Brace, who was graduated from the Alliance High School, and was employed as a teacher, died August 19, 1892 and Alice Claudia, who was graduated from the Alliance High School, and was appointed to fill her sister's place.

Rev. Mr. Thomas has been a laborious and successful minister for forty-six years, preaching Welsh and English nearly all the time. He has filled several of the most prominent pastorates in this country, such as Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Gomer, etc. He has always been an enthusiastic lover of American institutions, excepting slavery, from the beginning, and has given his sympathy and confidence to the Republican party from its inception. He took part in the War of the Rebellion, enlisting early in 1861, and was commissioned Chaplain of the Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, and also the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth in the same State. He is a member of the John C. Fremont Post No. 729, G. A. R., of Alliance. An ardent lover of music, poetry, and literature, he is also the author of a number of songs published and unpublished, and has been a success-

ful essayist in the Welsh Eisteddfodan. He is now relieved of the cares and anxieties of a regular pastorate, but by request preaches almost every Sunday. For the last sixteen years, he has been a resident of Alliance, and has proved himself a valuable citizen by the aid he has given in upbuilding its morality.

JOHN J. ASHENHURST. The Silver Ash Institute, of which this gentleman is the founder, was organized at Alliance for the purpose of curing inebriates and those suffering from the opium habit. It has proved successful beyond a doubt, and although organized but a short time, has cured over a hundred and thirty men up to the time of this publication. Recognizing the liquor traffic as the giant evil of the day, Mr. Ashenhurst endeavors in every way possible to fight its influence and secure its downfall. His has been, and is, an active life, and his services in behalf of fallen humanity entitle him to the highest regard of all.

A log cabin near Wheeling, Va., was the early home of Mr. Ashenhurst, and there he was born October 29, 1848, the son of the Rev. J. Y. and Martha (Johnson) Ashenhurst. His father was a minister in what is now the United Presbyterian Church, and he was also a strong Abolitionist. With the courage of his convictions, he accepted the position of elector on the Birney ticket in the slave State of Virginia in 1844. Ten years later, he removed to Ohio, where for two years he was pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Dalton, Wayne County. His next charge was at Hayesville, Ashland County, where he remained for some time. He was a man of broad knowledge, earnest piety and deep consecration to his chosen work as a minister of the Gospel. He is now residing near Bellaire, Ohio.

Hayesville being the seat of Vermillion Institute, Mr. Ashenhurst took advantage of the educational facilities offered by that school and gained a practical knowledge of the studies there taught. He contributed to the slender purse of the poorly-paid minister by working on a farm, clerking in a store and teaching school. When fifteen years old, he became the owner of an amateur printing press, and it was not long before he issued the first number of his paper, the Hayesville *Chronicle*. Some years afterward, he entered the office of the Ashland *Times*, and there served an apprenticeship to learn the trade of a printer. Soon after entering the office, he was requested by the editor to write up the local column, and his work was so satisfactory that he was afterward recognized as the local editor.

In 1869, when the Prohibition party was first organized in Ohio, Mr. Ashenhurst joined the new movement, to which he has ever since adhered. Although not then old enough to have the elective franchise, he nevertheless "took the stump" and made speeches in behalf of the Prohibition nominee for Governor. In 1872, he started the *Ohio Valley News* at Martin's Ferry, a paper which he published for two years and which was the organ of his chosen party in that section of country. In 1876, he was appointed by the Freedmen's Mission Board of the United Presbyterian Church to go to Southern Virginia and organize a school for the freedmen. In that way he was successfully engaged for four years, and meanwhile superintended the construction of the buildings which comprise Thyne Institute, at Chase City, Va.

During the fall of 1880, Mr. Ashenhurst returned to the Buckeye State, where he was for two years editor of the Freeport *Press*. In 1882, he was invited to assume the editorship of the *Wayne County Herald* at Wooster, which under Mr. Ashenhurst's able management became the most influential Prohibition county paper in the United States. In 1888, he went to Omaha, Neb., where he accepted a position on the *Midland*, a denominational paper published in the interest of the United Presbyterian Church. After spending one and one-half years there, he returned to Ohio and located in Canton, where he commenced the publication of the Canton *Leader*.

In the Prohibition party, Mr. Ashenhurst has always been very prominent. He has twice been

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their nominee for Congress, and June 11, 1881, was selected by the Prohibition convention at Springfield, Ohio, as their candidate for Governor of the State. He made a splendid canvass, and although in each case he entered the field at great personal sacrifice, he traveled over the State and held many meetings, the result being that he received the support of many of those who believe the success of a principle of more importance than the triumph of a party. A man of ability and courage, he recognizes the issues of the day with a clearness gained by extensive reading and close investigation. He is in line with the persevering, enterprising citizens who are striving to promote the welfare of this country, and is a splendid representation of the best culture and purest civilization of the land.

Mr. Ashenhurst was married March 18, 1874, to Miss Alice Ida, daughter of the Rev. Jesse Steiner, of Ashland, Ohio, minister of the Reformed Church. They have had born to them three children: Harold S., Florence and Alice. The pleasant home of this family is located at No. 78 North Cleveland Avenue, Canton.

HON. SAMUEL KRIDER was not only well known in Tuscarawas Township and the vicinity roundabout, but his name is familiar to those in other parts of the State who are interested in civic affairs and acquainted with the legislative work of the State. His later years were passed on a beautiful farm on section 24 of the above-named township, where many conveniences were to be found, including a home-like dwelling, which sheltered a happy family.

Mr. Krider was a native of Franklin County, Pa., a son of George and Fannie (Hoover) Krider, and was born January 23, 1811. His ancestors on his paternal side were Germans, while those on his maternal side were Swiss. In 1819, young Krider accompanied his parents on their removal to this county and located on a farm in Tuscarawas Township, where he resided until his eighteenth year, in the meantime having gained a good education in the district schools. Returning to Chambersburgh, Pa., he learned the trade of a tailor, and remained there until 1832, when he again took up his abode in the Buckeye State and carried on his trade as journeyman tailor for some time.

The wife of Mr. Krider, whom he married November 26, 1835, bore the maiden name of Anna Augustine; she was born in this township, January 9, 1819, and is the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Shisser) Augustine, who came to this county as early as 1809. Her father was the first Land Appraiser of the township, and exerted a considerable influence in the community where he resided many years and of which he was an honored member. One of his daughters, Miss Rebecca, who was born in 1810, was the first white child born within the limits of Tuscarawas Township. Mr. Augustine was the father of a family of eight children, of whom the four living are: Amanda, the widow of Benjamin Bowman; Mrs. Krider; William, who resides in Sugar Creek Township, and Mary, now Mrs. John Mobly. The parents of these children died within a week of each other from cholera, in 1834.

The father of our subject was one in a family of nine children, three of whom are deceased. Those living are: Samuel, Jeremiah, Benjamin, John B., Abraham H. and Solomon. Our subject, in the spring of 1836, located on the place where his widow now resides, and carried on the trade of a tailor until his decease. His advantages educationally and otherwise were limited, as his parents were poor, and he was early set to work to assist in the labors of the farm. The country roundabout was sparsely inhabited and was mostly covered with the primeval forests, in which game abounded, and hard pioneer labor was necessary before the homestead which his father purchased could be placed under proper improvement.

The three children born to Mr. and Mr. Krider are: Benjamin F., who makes his home in Indiana; Charles A., the present Sheriff of Stark County, and Silas W., who is deceased. Our subject is a supporter of Democratic principles, and for many

years aided in the upbuilding of his county. He was one of the organizers of the Stark County Agricultural Society, which he has served in the capacity of Director. For over a quarter of a century he was the incumbent of the office of Justice of the Peace, and was numbered for many years among the representative and most valued citizens of Stark County, where his upright life and probity were everywhere recognized.

The Hon. Samuel Krider served two terms in the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Ohio General Assembly, during which time he was active in pushing through many important bills. He was a prominent member of the Reformed Church and took a leading part in various laudable enterprises, being always found ready to do his duty in securing the future good of the community. His popularity extended much beyond the limits of the county, and his genial, cordial manners gained for him the friendship of all with whom he was associated, either in a business or social way. He departed this life in June, 1892, greatly mourned by friends who were as numerous as his acquaintances.

HON. JOSEPH FREASE, attorney-at-law. The Bar of Stark County, Ohio, has been strengthened by the addition to it of many able advocates and counselors, and none are more worthy of notice than Hon. Joseph Frease. He was born in Somerset County, Pa., May 19, 1827, to Joel and Elizabeth (Field) Frease, the former of whom was of German descent, but a native of the Old Dominion, where he was born in 1786. He was a blacksmith by trade, and did honor to the calling. His wife first saw the light of day in York County, Pa., in the year 1793, and was married in Somerset County. About the year 1830, they came to Stark County, Ohio, and on a farm in Sugar Creek Township the father resided until his death in the year 1869, his wife having passed from life the year before. They became the parents of a good, old-fashioned family of thirteen children, twelve of whom lived to be grown, and seven are still living. Joseph Frease was the eighth in order of birth, and his boyhood was passed on a farm and in attending the winter terms of school, which were conducted near his home, and until he attained his majority he resided under the parental roof. He then began the study of law in the office of Judge Belden, of Canton, and in 1851 was admitted to the Bar, after which he began practicing in that town, in 1853. In 1855, he was elected to the position of Prosecuting Attorney for two years, after which he continued his practice until 1866, when he was elected Judge of the Common Pleas and District Judge of the Ninth Judicial District of Ohio, which is composed of nine counties in the northeastern part of the State. After a term of five years, he was re-elected to the position in 1871 for five years longer, retiring from the bench in 1877. His legal training and his self-discipline combined to fit him most admirably for the position he was called upon to fill. His knowledge of the law was broad and comprehensive, and he applied the principles of common and statute law to cases at the Bar with great facility and readiness. Careful in his investigations of facts, painstaking in his examination of precedents, possessed of a sound judgment, courteous and dignified in his demeanor, he held the scales of justice beyond the reach of contaminating influences, and retired from the bench, at the end of his long term of service, distinguished alike for his splendid ability, his eminent fairness and sterling integrity. He has since devoted himself assiduously to the practice of his profession, and it can but be acknowledged that he possesses ability of no common order. No important points of law are ever overlooked in the preparation of his cases, and they are ably and skillfully handled throughout the whole process of litigation.

In 1857, Judge Frease married Miss Sarah H. Belden, of Canton, the eldest daughter of Hon. George W. Belden, ex-United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and by her he became the father of six children: George B., Secretary and Treasurer of the Repository Printing

Company; Edwin F., a missionary to India; Harry W., Secretary and Treasurer of the Canton Stoneware Company; Elizabeth S., Edith M., and Rachel B. Upon entering the legal profession, Judge Frease had to measure swords with men of recognized ability, who had the advantage of many years' experience, but it was not long before he succeeded in impressing upon both his professional brethren and the general public the fact of his ability as a legal light. He is held in high esteem by the citizens of Stark County, and in every respect deserves their good opinion. His residence is at No. 60 South Plum Street. In politics, he has been a Republican since the organization of the party, and recognized as an influential member in its councils in the State.

JONATHAN PRESCOTT BURTON, President and Treasurer of the Ridgeway-Burton Company, President of the Penn Iron & Coal Company, and President of the Fox Lake Coal Company, is one of the most successful and prominent citizens of Massillon. The different enterprises with which he is connected, and in the development of which he has ever been an integral factor, are upon a solid financial basis and have contributed materially to advance the interests of this portion of Ohio. The Ridgeway-Burton Company owns eight different mines, from which they ship the Massillon Coal and Black Band Iron Ore. The Penn Iron & Coal Company owns iron furnace and iron ore mines at Canal Dover, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, while the Fox Lake Coal Company has its headquarters at Cleveland, their coal mines being near Massillon.

At Penn's Manor, near Philadelphia, Pa., our subject was born September 30, 1820. The family of which he is a member originated in England, whence his great-grandfather, Jonathan Burton, emigrated to America in company with William Penn and settled at Penn's Manor, in what is now Bucks County, where he died. Grandfather Jonathan Burton was a farmer in his native State, Pennsylvania, where he passed his entire life. The father of our subject, William Burton by name, was born near Philadelphia, and during his early life engaged as a civil engineer, but later became a contractor and builder. Among the public works which he constructed in Pennsylvania was a part of the Delaware division of the Pennsylvania Canal and also the Delaware and Chesapeake, in which venture he was unfortunate, losing all he invested. He also contructed part of the Philadelphia & Trenton Railroad and one of the first recollections of our subject is that of riding with his father in the first cars ever run on the road, they being drawn by horses.

The mother of our subject, Rosanna (Calbraith) Burton, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, of Scotch descent, and died when quite young. Jonathan Prescott was the youngest child in the family circle and was reared in his native place, his education being gained at Penn's Manor. When seventeen years old, he went to Trenton, N. J., where he spent one year, and proceeded thence to the city of New York. He entered the employ of Lord & Taylor, a prominent firm of that city, which is still in existence. When less than twenty, he embarked in business for himself as a merchant, the firm name being Brown & Burton, and for a short time remained in that connection, doing an extensive business and gaining a practical experience, which was of inestimable value to him in the business transactions of later years.

In 1842, Mr. Burton removed to Philadelphia, where he engaged in the wholesale dry-goods business under the firm name of Burton & Greis, the partnership continuing until 1846. Afterward he became a member of the firm of Davis, Burton & Co., and for nine years was engaged in the French and India importing trade. During that time, he was for the most part stationed in Europe, at Lyons and Paris, where he had charge of purchasing the goods and shipping them to New York and Philadelphia. Meanwhile, he traveled through the continent and visited the principal points of interest. Until 1858, when he withdrew from the connection, the firm of Davis, Burton & Co. transacted the most extensive business in New York and

Philadelphia, which in those days were at the head of the importing trade.

The year 1859 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Burton at Massillon, where he remained for two years. His former partner, Mr. Davis, had become an officer on Gen. J. C. Fremont's staff, stationed at St. Louis, Mo., and, being ill, sent for our subject. It was in the year 1861 when, on account of the war, all business was injured, and especially the iron trade, in which Mr. Burton was interested at Massillon. Accordingly, he went to St. Louis and became Deputy Military Quartermaster of the Western army, a position which he occupied for more than six months with notable ability.

When the depression in business circles ceased, Mr. Burton returned to Massillon, where he purchased the stock in the furnace and established the business, continuing alone until 1876. He then founded the corporation known as the Burton Furnace Company, of which he has since been President. The Massillon Coal has the reputation of being the finest soft coal in the world for fuel, and at that time it was the only coal that could be used raw without coking in the manufacture of iron from ore. He laid the plans to rebuild the furnaces with a capital stock of $200,000, but finding that coke was far superior for the purpose intended, changed his plans and bought the furnace at Canal Dover, which had been on a large scale and now has all the modern improvements for the manufacture of pig iron.

In July, 1879, the Ridgeway-Burton Company was organized with Mr. Burton as President, and they engage as dealers in coal and iron ore, their office being located at No. 39 South Erie Street, Massillon, and No. 204 Superior Street, Cleveland, Ohio. In 1880, Mr. Burton organized the Fox Lake Coal Company with a view to consolidate and define his interest with the Ohio and Pennsylvania Coal Company, and opened mines convenient for market at Cleveland, his object being to reach different markets without a transfer on railroads. He is by far the most extensive operator of coal and iron here and is an acknowledged authority on all matters pertaining to the business.

On the corner of Prospect and Main Streets, Mr. Burton has a beautiful residence and there, surrounded by his family, he finds relaxation from the business cares that crowd upon him. He was first married in Philadelphia, in 1845, his wife being Elizabeth Jenkinson, who was born in Maryland and died at Massillon in 1867. In February, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Zerbe, a native of Stark County, Ohio, her father, Jonathan Zerbe, having been at one time a prominent business man of Massillon. Mr. and Mrs. Burton are the parents of four children: Alice C., Clara, Jonathan Prescott, Jr., and Courtney, all of whom have received splendid educational advantages and are intelligent as well as highly popular in social circles.

In his political connection, Mr. Burton is firm in his support of the principles of the Republican party. He served as a member of the City Council for two terms, during which time he was Chairman of the Finance Committee. He was reared in the Society of Friends. As a Master and Royal Arch Mason, a business man of superior attainments, and a man of honor, his position is among the foremost residents of Massillon, where he has so long made his home.

JOHN YINGLING. Favorably located in Perry Township, Stark County, is a tract of one hundred and nineteen acres, which is owned and operated by the gentleman above named. It is supplied with such barns, granaries, etc., as are needed, and the trees and vines that supply the family with various fruits in their season. Mr. Yingling has been engaged in farming during the greater part of his life since arriving at years of discretion, and makes of his vocation both an art and a science. He was born in Massillon, September 13, 1840, and is the son of John and Helena (Gugor) Yingling, natives of Prussia.

Bidding adieu to their old home in Germany, the parents of our subject in 1840 set sail for America and twenty-one days later landed in the

city of New York. Thence they came via the Hudson River and Erie Canal to Buffalo, where they boarded a lake steamer, which conveyed them to Cleveland, from which city they came to Massillon by the canal. After a residence in that place for a number of years, Mr. and Mrs. Yingling finally located on the farm where our subject is residing at the present time. Their first home in the new country was a log cabin, where they resided until the land was placed under cultivation and they had the means and time to replace the rude structure with a more comfortable dwelling. Here the father died in 1871, being followed to the better land the succeeding year by his good wife. The family of three children bore the respective names of John, Frank and Helena, the latter being the widow of George Huffman. The father was one of the prominent German pioneers of Perry Township, and religiously, was a member of the Catholic Church.

He whose name heads this sketch has always made his home in this county, where he received a good education both in the German and English languages. When ready to establish a home of his own, he was married to Miss Regina Sibilo, who was also a native of Massillon, having been born December 25, 1842, to Nicholas and Regina Sibilo, natives of the Fatherland. The father of Mrs. Yingling emigrated to America in 1841, and on taking up his abode in Massillon, engaged in the grocery business, in which line of trade he was more than ordinarily successful. The mother of Mrs. Yingling accompanied her parents to the United States when eleven years of age, and they also located in Perry Township.

Of the large family of children born to our subject and his wife, twelve are living, namely: Flora, Mrs. John Frantz; Theresa, Mrs. Theodore Cramer; Frederick, Louis, Anthony; Ida, Mrs. Otto Kohn; Clara, Amelia, Charles, George, William and Catherine. Mr. Yingling, as before stated, owns a valuable farm containing one hundred and nineteen acres, which he has placed under the best cultivation. In the prosecution of the work to which he has devoted himself, he is energetic, prudent and efficient, winning thereby a fair share of the substantial benefits that accrue from such labors. His political sentiments have led him to identify himself with the Democratic party, and his reputation among his fellow-citizens as a man of exemplary habits and unimpeachable integrity is of the best. He is now serving as a Democratic committeeman of Perry Township, and religiously, is associated with the work of the Catholic Church as one of its most valued members.

CAPT. JOHN JACOBS, an old and prominent settler of Stark County, Ohio, and an ex-canal-boat man, has for some time been successfully operating a coal mine on his farm, and is also engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was born in Franklin County, Pa., April 15, 1812, and owing to the fact that he was left an orphan at an early day, and was reared by strangers, he was never an attendant at school. After remaining with those who gave him a shelter, and assisting them with the laborious duties of the farm, he started out to make his own way in the world without a cent, and so anxious was he to become independent and to secure employment, that he at first labored for $3 per month and afterward $4.50.

In the spring of 1837, he came all the way to Ohio on foot, over the mountains via Pittsburgh, from which place he took a boat to Wellsville, Ohio, after which he came to Stark County, finally reaching Massillon, where he found that his capital consisted of just $9. He soon secured employment at clearing land and building barns, after which he worked in the warehouse of Mr. Rawson, and still later purchased a one-half interest in the "Halcyon" in partnership with a Mr. McCully, but at the end of two years sold his interest, and in partnership with the Rawsons, purchased the "Acadia," of which he became Captain, and which he ran between Massillon and Cleveland, the journey occupying four days, and sixty-five miles of it being made by canal. Some years later, he sold his share in

this boat and bought a one-half interest in two boats, but later disposed of his interest in these also. During this time, he purchased one hundred acres of land two and a half miles from Massillon, and while absent looking after his boats, the farm was ably managed by his wife. He became the owner of the boat "Eldridge," and for eighteen years of his career, he held the title of Captain.

Later Capt. Jacobs and a Mr. Bowman purchased a mercantile establishment, but at the end of one year closed out their stock and our subject turned his attention to farming and the coal business, leasing the coal on his farm. Some years later, he opened a coal mine at Canal Fulton for Cleveland parties, and later opened a mine on land belonging to Mr. Harsh, and one on his own land, and has since been one of the most extensive coal miners and dealers of the county. He is the owner of four farms: an improved farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Tuscarawas Township; two in Lawrence Township—one comprising one hundred and fifty-six acres, and the other one hundred and fifteen acres—and one containing one hundred and seventy acres in Jackson Township. He operates the last in partnership with J. G. Warwick, with whom he has been associated for the past twenty-five years. Besides this valuable property, he owns about four hundred and eighty acres of improved land in Adair County, Iowa, and one hundred and sixty acres in McLean County, Ill. While on the canal, he operated both freight and packet boats, and at one time made the run from this point to Cleveland and back again in four days, never taking any rest except while eating.

Our subject is a Director and one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Massillon, and owns stock in the Hicks Brown Flouring Mill of Mansfield, in which his daughter and sons are partners. This mill has a five hundred barrel capacity. He is interested in the Western Straw Board Company at St. Mary's, and is also one of its Directors and stockholders. He has been a resident of Massillon since 1869, but still looks after his farms and his coal interests. He is a partner in the Millport Coal Company, and also owns some business blocks in Massillon. He is a wide-awake and enterprising man of business, and is essentially self-educated and self-made. He was married in Massillon in 1841, to Miss Caroline Cannon, a native of Pennsylvania, who came with her parents to Ohio when a child. She died March 6, 1886, having become the mother of the following children: Warren, Secretary and Treasurer of the Massillon Bridge Works; Oliver S., Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent of the Western Straw Board Company; Carrie, Mrs. Hicks Brown, and three children that died in childhood. Mr. Jacobs supports the measures of Democracy, and in every respect has been one of the enterprising and pushing citizens of the county, and has done much to make it the flourishing agricultural and commercial region that it now is. He deserves great credit for his success in life, and points an excellent lesson to the youth of to-day, whose advantages for advancement are so much greater than his were.

JOHN URSCHEL. The world is crowded with men and women each trying to gain success through the different avenues of money-making, and day after day the ceaseless round of duty goes on; some giving attention to professional callings, some buying and selling in commercial headquarters, and still others cultivating the soil. It is a pretty generally conceded fact that the agriculturist leads the freest and easiest life, since his time is his own through much of the year. And certainly to no class of bread-winners are we indebted for more beneficial results than to the farmer.

Our subject is at the present time identified with the latter-named class, and it would be hard to find a more genial, courteous or intellectual gentleman than Mr. Urschel, who is at the present time cultivating the soil on section 12, Bethlehem Township, Stark County, Ohio, where he has a good estate. He is a native of this county, having been born September 16, 1837, and is thus more interested in its welfare than he would be were it otherwise. He is the son of Daniel and Barbara

Urschel, natives of Germany, who determined to emigrate to the New World in 1835. They set sail from Bremen in a sailing-vessel, and, after a tedious voyage, landed on American shores, thence coming directly to this county and taking up their abode in Bethlehem Township, where they were identified with the early settlers and well-to-do citizens. They resided for some time in a log house on an uncultivated tract of land, which the father by much hard labor placed under good improvement. The mother departed this life March 29, 1885, and the father died December 25, 1887.

Mr. Urschel of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth of the parental family, of whom we mention those surviving: Catherine, Mrs. Peter Roche; Barbara, wife of Peter Strauss; Daniel; our subject; Andrew; Phœbe, the wife of Frederick Leifer; and Jacob. Our subject has always lived in his native county, where he was reared on a farm and gained a sound, practical knowledge of agricultural pursuits, which has been his life calling, with the exception of eight years spent in the tanning business in Lucas County, this State. His educational advantages were limited, but he lost no opportunity to improve his mind, and to-day keeps himself thoroughly posted on what is going on about him in the world.

When ready to establish a home of his own, Mr. Urschel was united in marriage with Miss Mary Schenkel, the ceremony which made them one being performed May 27, 1869. Mrs. Urschel was born in this township to Jacob and Elizabeth Schenkel, the former of whom is deceased. To them has been granted a family of three children, viz.: Daniel F., Jacob J. and William L.

Our subject is the owner of one hundred and fifty-three acres of land, which he has improved, has under a fine state of tillage and has erected thereon neat frame buildings. He now stands among the foremost agriculturists of this township, who have contributed so largely to the prosperity of this part of the State. With true public spirit and characteristic liberality, he has aided every enterprise that would in any way advance the welfare of the community. He is a Democrat in politics, and although frequently solicited to hold public office, has always refused to do so, preferring the quiet of home life to the worry and turmoil of official positions. He is greatly interested in church affairs and is a prominent and devoted member of the English Reformed Church, which body he serves as Deacon. His wife is also a member of that denomination and they both occupy a high place in the esteem of all acquaintances.

EDWARD L. HERING, grocery and produce merchant, located at the corner of Tremont and Duncan Streets, also a prominent livery-man and President of the City Council of Massillon, was born near that city on the 3d of April, 1863, and is a son of Peter Hering, who was born in New York City. The grandfather, Philip Hering, was born in Germany and was a laborer. Thinking to better his condition, the latter came to America at an early date, and first settled in New York City, but later came to Massillon and was one of the prominent men of this locality.

Peter Hering's early life was passed in Massillon, Ohio, and he learned the trade of machinist, which he followed the principal part of his life. He was a very skilled workman and was engaged with Russell & Co. for some time. His death occurred in 1878. He married Miss Elizabeth Walters, a native of Germany, who came with her parents to this country when but a little girl. Her father died here two years later. He was a member of the St. John's Evangelical Church. The mother is still living, and now makes her home with our subject.

Edward L. Hering, the second in order of birth of five children, attended the Second Ward School in Massillon until thirteen years of age, after which he was employed in the livery barn of D. C. Bunnell, where he remained two years. After this, he was with Russell & Co. for some time, and later ran a drill press for a year. Still later, he was employed as clerk by his mother, who had started the grocery and produce business in 1878 in one room, and this he continued until twenty years of

age. In 1883, he bought the stock and has continued business alone since that time. He is a young man of good business acumen, progressive in his ideas, and well understands everything connected with his business. Energetic, reliable and trustworthy, his business is conducted on the most elevated plane of mercantile honor, and is one of the representative enterprises in its line in this section. He has enlarged his store, added to it in every way, and his stock is always fresh and new. He keeps two wagons on the road all the time.

In connection with this, Mr. Hering is also engaged in the livery business, and in 1892 he erected a good barn, 30x64 feet, on the corner opposite his store, and has been successfully engaged in this since. He is also the owner of considerable other real estate in Massillon, and is one of the most successful and popular young business men of the place. In 1888, he was elected to the City Council from the Second Ward and was on a number of committees. In 1891, he was elected President of the Board. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and a member of the Evangelical Church. In politics, he adheres strongly to the Republican party, has been a delegate to county conventions and has been in city and county Republican conventions.

CHARLES A. KRIDER, Sheriff of Stark County, and a resident of Canton, was born in Tuscarawas Township, this county, on the 2d of August, 1847, and is a son of Samuel and Anna Augustine Krider. His father was born on the 23d of January, 1811, in Franklin County, Pa., and the grandfather of our subject, George Krider, was born March 24, 1789. The latter married Fannie Hoover, who was born December 25, 1788, and unto them were born seven sons and two daughters. The Krider family is of Swiss origin, and the Hoover family of German descent. In 1819, George Krider came with his family to Stark County, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1873. The children of his family were: Samuel, Jeremiah, Benjamin, John, George, Abraham, Solomon, Sarah, and Eliza, wife of A. J. Stahl. Sarah died in Pennsylvania before the family came to the West.

Samuel Krider was reared upon a farm until the age of nineteen years, when he went to Pennsylvania and learned the tailor's trade. He then returned to his home, in 1832, and on the 26th of November voted for Gen. Jackson. He was married January 9, 1835, in Perry Township, to Ann Augustine, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Slusser) Augustine. Three children were born of their union and two sons are yet living: Benjamin, who resides in Noble County, Ind.; and Charles, the efficient Sheriff of Stark County. Mr. Krider was a well-known citizen and prominent in the community where he made his home. In 1864, he was elected Justice of the Peace, and filled that office for twenty-eight years. He was School Director for the long period of thirty years, and the cause of education found in him a warm friend. He also represented his county in the State Legislature for three years, and was a stalwart Democrat. He held membership in the Reformed Church, and served as one of its Deacons. He was a leading and influential citizen of the community, and passed away June 6, 1892. His wife resides at the old homestead in Tuscarawas.

Charles A. Krider, whose name heads this record, spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm, where he was reared to habits of industry. In the common schools he acquired his education, and under the parental roof he remained until 1889, when he was elected to his present office. By close attention to all the details of his office and by industrious and persevering effort, he met with good success along that line. He was Deputy Sheriff from December, 1883, to June, 1886. Mr. Krider on the 24th of December, 1889, was married to Mrs. Sarah J. Mobley, of Canal Fulton, daughter of Samuel Miller. Since January, 1890, our subject has made his home in Canton, having been elected to the position of Sheriff of Stark County in the month of November, for a term of two years. The faithful and prompt manner in which he discharges his duties proves that

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the people's confidence in him as a capable man for the office was not misplaced, as he was re-elected by a largely increased majority in 1891. Mr. Krider is widely and favorably known throughout Stark County, where he has spent his entire life, and has many friends among its best citizens.

COL. THOMAS S. WEBB. The older members of a community are doubly entitled to the respect and esteem of their neighbors when their long lives have been replete with acts of kindness, and their whole career marked by integrity and uprightness. The time-honored and respected gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch, was formerly a Colonel of the State militia under Gov. Lucas, and later under Secretary Stanton. He has been a resident of Massillon since 1829, and a brief notice of his early career will be of interest to the people of this section. He was born at Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio, May 6, 1807; his father, John Webb, having been born in Harford County, Md., and the grandfather, also John Webb, in Chester County, Pa. The latter, upon leaving his native State, first removed to Harford County, Md., but in 1804 settled near Salem, Ohio, where he entered six hundred and forty acres of land, which at that time was in a very primitive condition. By hard work he greatly enhanced its value, and at his death it was divided among his seven sons and three daughters. The paternal great-grandfather was a Quaker, and upon leaving his native land, England, settled in Chester County, Pa.

John Webb, the father of the subject of this sketch, was apprenticed to learn the hatter's trade at Baltimore, Md., and before coming to Ohio entered the employ of a Mr. Jordan, a hatter, with whom he remained until his parents were settled at Salem and sent for him. He established himself in business, and for many years thereafter kept a public hotel. He died in 1827. His wife, Phebe Smith, was born in Loudoun County, Va., a daughter of Thomas Smith, a native of Bucks County, Pa., but who afterward became a farmer of Loudoun County, Va. In 1792, he settled on the Ohio River, at Georgetown, Pa., and assisted in laying out the town, and there reared a large family. He was a Quaker, and was active in abolishing slavery in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Phebe (Smith) Webb died at Salem in June, 1822, having become the mother of three sons and three daughters, four of whom grew to maturity. At fourteen years of age, the subject of this sketch was apprenticed to learn the saddler's trade in New Lisbon, and after completing his apprenticeship, at the end of four years, he worked at his trade in Youngstown, after which he peddled for eight months. He then came to Massillon at the solicitation of Dr. Townsend, a friend of his father, and in the fall of 1829, opened a shop here, which he conducted with success for three years. In 1831, he married Miss Margaret Harbaugh, a native of Hagerstown, Washington County, Md., a sister-in-law of Judge Eberhard. In 1832, he opened a public house, and from the first this enterprise met with success. In 1846, a Mr. Spangler, a traveling man from Philadelphia, stopped at his house and was so pleased with the way it was conducted that he wrote Mr. Webb to come to Philadelphia and look at a house in that city; this he did, and with some assistance from Mr. Spangler, he opened the Eagle House, which he ably managed for five years. He next converted three dwellings in that city into a block known as the Union Hotel, and as he conducted a model house, he prospered financially, and at the end of five years he began conducting the United States Hotel at Atlantic City, but at the end of two years, or in 1857, returned to Massillon, and here purchased property with the intention of making this place his home. He also bought one thousand acres of land two miles from the town, and after conducting it for one year he rented it and from time to time sold portions of it. He has started his sons in the hotel business in Philadelphia, and, like their father before them, they are doing well. About 1859, Mr. Webb built the Gas Works of Massillon, but at the end of one year sold out to a company from Philadelphia.

While in the hotel business in this city in early

times, he gave considerable attention to horse-trading and buying, and made ten trips to Baltimore and Washington, D. C., to dispose of his animals. He was deeply interested in politics during the campaign of William Henry Harrison for the Presidency and headed many processions in his honor. In 1836, he made the race for County Sheriff on the Republican ticket, and although the Democratic party usually had a majority of eight hundred votes, he came within seventeen votes of being elected. He was made Colonel of the State militia in 1836, and in 1861 was appointed Post Commander of Massillon by Secretary of War Stanton, and was commissioned Colonel by him and placed in command of the One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Regiments, but was forbidden by his doctor to take an active part in the war. Later, he received a commission from Stanton to go out as Paymaster, but refused for the same reason. He and his wife became the parents of six children: Alonzo, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Jesse, who resides with his father; Frank, who was a wholesale grocer and at his death, at the age of forty-four years, left a wife and two children; the three youngest children died in childhood. His wife was called from life January 31, 1887, in her seventy-third year. Prior to going to Philadelphia, Col. Webb was a Knight Templar in the Masonic fraternity, but is not particularly interested in that order at the present time. He has been a member of the Episcopal Church for the past twenty years, and has always supported the principles of Republicanism.

DAVID HEMPERLY. Stark County sent many brave, patriotic, self-sacrificing men to the front during the Civil War, in those times that tested a man's loyalty and devotion to his country. Among them was David Hemperly, who won honor as a soldier, having participated in many of the most important and hard-fought battles of that period. He is now quietly pursuing farming in Tuscarawas Township, and has done good service here in the aid he has given his fellow-agriculturists in promoting the growth of this part of the county.

Like many of the best citizens of this section, our subject was born in Pennsylvania, his native place being Lebanon County, and the date of his birth November 6, 1845. His parents, who were also natives of the Keystone State, were David and Mary Hemperly. The former dying in his native State, the mother emigrated to this county with her family, when our subject was a babe of six months, and located on a farm in Tuscarawas Township. She was the mother of six children, all of whom are living with one exception, and bear the respective names of Daniel, John, Samuel, Mary, Henry and David. Mrs. Hemperly, a most estimable lady, succeeded in keeping her family together, and trained them in a manner to make of them good and useful citizens. She survived her worthy husband until December, 1889, when she too passed away.

David, of this sketch, was given a fair education in the primitive schools of that early day, and early in life acquired a knowledge of farming, which has served him to good account. At the early age of eleven years, he learned the blacksmith's trade, which occupation he followed with fair success for fifteen years. On the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted, August 2, 1862, as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Infantry, being mustered in as a private. With his company, he was sent to join the Army of the Tennessee, and as a member of that body, served all through the Atlanta campaign. When Sherman marched to the sea, Mr. Hemperly was transferred to Schofield's department, under the direct command of Gen. Thomas, and took part in the battle and siege of Nashville. He later fought at Buzzard's Roost, Dalton, Resaca, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Chattahoochee, and many others of minor importance. He was captured at Raleigh, N. C., but made his escape within twenty-four hours after his confinement.

On receiving his honorable discharge, in May, 1865, our subject returned home and resumed the calling which he had abandoned when he took up arms in defense of his country. November 4, 1869,

he was married to Miss Sarah A., daughter of Martin and Mary Rudy, early settlers of Stark County. Mrs. Hemperly was born March 10, 1846, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of seven children, one of whom is deceased. Those living are: William, Della, Clarence, Nettie, Walter Saddie and Myrtle.

The landed estate of our subject comprises seventy-nine acres, whose value he has increased since it came into his possession by many substantial improvements, including a comfortable residence, which is neatly and tastefully furnished, marking the presence of an intelligent household. Mr. Hemperly owes his present circumstances solely to his own industry, and in his career he has shown himself to be possessed of those faculties that are requisite to success—sagacity, far-reaching forethought, and practical tenacity of purpose.

RICHARD R. PORTER, who is now engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery in Canal Fulton, is widely known throughout this part of Ohio, and is a prominent man. He was born in Beaver County, Pa., February 14, 1819. His father, Richard Porter, was born in Ireland, December 15, 1774, and when nineteen years of age, crossed the Atlantic with his two brothers, Thomas and Patrick. He settled in Pennsylvania, and in Washington County married Nancy Johnston, a native of Scotland. She was reared on the Emerald Isle, however, and in 1795 came to the United States. The father of our subject followed farming in Beaver County until his death in 1841. The mother afterward came to Ohio, and lived with her son until called to her final rest in 1869, at the age of ninety-two years. Her family was noted for longevity, and her mother, who was a native of Ireland, reached the advanced age of one hundred and four years.

In the Porter family were five sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to mature years, were married and reared families, but Eleanor, John A., James, Thomas, Margaret and Betsy are now deceased. Alexander also passed away at the age of seventy-six years. Ann is the wife of Joseph Rhodes, of Darlington, Pa.

Our subject was the fifth son and eighth child in the family. He began his education in the district schools and completed it in the Darlington Academy, being a schoolmate of Judge Forward, of Pittsburgh, Judge Agnew, of Beavertown, and many other distinguished men. After finishing school, Mr. Porter turned his attention to farming and surveying, and at the age of twenty-four also began auctioneering. He is now the oldest auctioneer in the State. He also taught a singing-school at the same time, and followed the threshing business. In 1853, he came to Stark County, and purchased a farm on section 8, Lawrence Township, where he engaged in general farming and stock-raising until 1875.

In Beaver, Pa., November 9, 1841, Mr. Porter married Keziah Martin, who was his faithful companion and helpmate for many years. In 1889, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in Canal Fulton, on the 27th of March. They were the parents of six children: Nancy Jane, now the wife of George Kilgore, of Hastings, Neb., a railroad employe; Maria, wife of Rev. J. V. Lurch, Chaplain of the Central National Home, of Dayton, Ohio; John Newton, who served for four years in the late war, returned home in 1865, and died in 1878; Thomas J., who for three years wore the blue, is now a druggist of Canal Fulton; Joseph M. is a practicing physician of New York City; and Charles F. is a leading dentist of Massillon, Ohio.

Mr. Porter continued to reside upon his farm until 1875, when he sold out and removed to Canal Fulton. He then engaged in the grain business, and built a warehouse, carrying on operations in that line until 1890, when he sold out and began the practice of veterinary surgery, having been a student of the profession when a young man. He also engaged in buying wool for twenty-six years, in connection with his other business interests. His possessions have all been acquired through his own efforts, and his industry and good management have won him a comfortable competence.

Mr. Porter takes an active interest in political affairs, and is a stalwart Republican. He has held all the township offices, and is now Treasurer, having served as such for eight years. In 1864, he was elected County Commissioner, and became interested in building the first iron bridges of the county. He has superintended the work of more than sixty iron bridges, and his interest in this improvement has been of incalculable benefit to the county. In 1867, he was again elected County Commissioner for a second term of three years, and in 1870 was elected a member of the State Board of Public Works, which position he held for twelve years, being three times re-elected. The promptness and fidelity with which he has always discharged his duties have won him the commendation of all, and led to his frequent re-election.

For forty years Mr. Porter has been a member of the Odd Fellows' society, and now belongs to Lawrence Lodge No. 297, I. O. O. F., of Canal Fulton. He has filled all its offices and is now Past Grand. The public and private life of Mr. Porter are alike above reproach. He has been true to every trust reposed in him, his career has been upright and honorable, and to the community he has proved a valued citizen. His name is inseparably connected with the history of the county, and in its annals he well deserves representation.

JOSEPH SMITH. All honor is due to the noble pioneers of this county who braved the hardships of frontier life, endured many privations, and sacrificed much in order to redeem the land from the wilderness and establish homes for themselves and families. It is to their patient and persistent labors that the growth and prosperity of this section of the country were laid on enduring foundations. Some of these men are still living and are among our most valued citizens. One of these, whose name appears at the head of this biography, may well lay claim to respect as one of the old settlers of the county, in whose development he has borne a part for so many years.

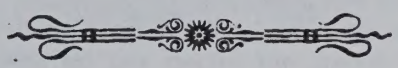
The original of this sketch, who is at present residing in Perry Township, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Cumberland County, October 13, 1815. He was an infant of eighteen months when he accompanied his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Rhodes) Smith, to this county. They were also natives of the Keystone State, and on coming to this county located on a new farm among the early settlers of Canton Township. Of their family of ten children, three are now living, those beside our subject being John and David.

Joseph Smith, of this sketch, was reared to man's estate amid the pioneer scenes of farm life in this county, and in an early day used wooden mold-board plows and other primitive implements in cultivating his farm. He received his education in an academy, and when his school days were over he settled down to his chosen calling as a farmer.

Mr. Smith, on October 12, 1839, was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Burger, a native of Columbiana County, this State, who was born January 4, 1817. She is the daughter of Peter and Barbara (Werts) Burger, who were also natives of that State and early settlers in the above-named county. When ten years of age, Mrs. Smith accompanied her parents on their removal to this county, at which time they located on a portion of the present site of Massillon. Of the Burger family of nine children, only three survive, namely: Mrs. Catherine Lighter, Rebecca, and Mrs. Smith.

To our subject and his estimable wife have been born eight children, of whom the following seven are living: Alonzo, Darwin B., Cyrus, Jacob, Emma J. (Mrs. J. H. Sponseller), Senora C. (Mrs. John Freeman), and Mary E. Mr. Smith located upon his present farm in 1840. It comprises two hundred acres, upon which he has placed modern improvements, his well-built, commodious buildings being supplied with every convenience, and comparing favorably with the best in the neighborhood. His neatly-fenced fields are under an admirable system of tillage, and the rich pastures are capable of sustaining a good deal of stock. Mr. Smith has been the owner of a large estate which he has divided among his children. With his wife,

he is a devoted member of the German Reformed Church, Mrs. Smith having been a member of that body since fifteen years of age. In politics, he votes with the Democratic party, and is one of the substantial men in his community. Although he is a quiet, unassuming man, the people among whom he has dwelt in peace and amity these many years hold him in warm regard, as they have always found in him a true friend, ever considerate and pleasant in his manner, and they have a high opinion of his personal character, knowing him to be a man of principle and sound integrity.



H BROSIUS, Postmaster at Alliance, was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, February 27, 1839, and for a quarter of a century has been closely connected with the progress of the city where he now makes his home. An enterprising citizen, upright man, and veteran of the late war, he is held in high honor by all who know him, and the following brief account of his life will possess more than ordinary interest for the intelligent and patriotic reader.

The name Brosius is of French origin, but the ancestry of the representatives of the family now in America is traced to Germany, where the great-grandfather of our subject was born. Early in the history of the United States, he emigrated hither and made settlement in Pennsylvania, where his children spent their entire lives. The parents of our subject, Harper and Phœbe (Gatchell) Brosius, were natives of Chester County, Pa., whence they removed to Ohio at an early day and settled in a dense wilderness, whose only inhabitants were Indians and wild animals.

A farmer by occupation, Harper Brosius purchased a tract of land in Mahoning County, Ohio, on which he made the first improvements and erected the necessary buildings. He was not exempt from the privations incident to pioneer life, but being a man of undaunted courage and great perseverance, he overcame the obstacles which impeded his progress and attained a competency. In 1846, he removed still farther West and penetrated the sparsely settled county of Cedar, Iowa, where he and his wife died a few months after their arrival. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom are now living, worthy and respected citizens of their respective communities.

Thus sadly orphaned and bereft of a father's and mother's care at a time when it was most needed, the little children remained for a short time amid the strange surroundings and the unfamiliar scenes of Cedar County, where the few settlers, although strangers to them, sympathized with them in their deep bereavement, and did all they could to lighten the cloud of sorrow that had swept over their pathway. However, they soon returned to their former home in Mahoning County, where our subject, then a lad of seven years, was reared on a farm and became a member of the family of W. Atkinson. During three months of each year, he was permitted to attend the schools of the district, but, other than that, his time was devoted to farm work.

In 1861, when the call came to all patriotic citizens to rally to the defense of their country, Mr. Brosius enlisted as a member of Company A, Thirty-second, Ohio Infantry, and marched with his regiment to the front. December 12, 1861, he was wounded at the battle of Alleghany, W. Va., a gun-shot penetrating his right limb just above the knee. He was conveyed to the Beverly (W. Va.) Hospital, from which he was honorably discharged as soon as he recovered from the effects of the wound. He arrived at home February 27, 1862, and, feeling the need of a better education, entered the Reed Institute, in Pennsylvania, where he was a student for two years. He made the best use of his opportunities, and the stock of knowledge which he there gained has been constantly increased by a subsequent course of systematic reading.

After leaving the institute, Mr. Brosius resumed work at his trade of a wagon-maker, which he had learned prior to entering the army. In 1867, he came to Alliance, where he clerked in a store for a number of years and also followed his trade with

success. March 27, 1889, under the administration of President Harrison, Mr. Brosius was appointed Postmaster at Alliance, a position which he in now filling to the entire satisfaction of the people. It is worthy of record that his brother, C. C., also served as Postmaster, filling that position for fourteen years in a village of Pennsylvania. His father was also Postmaster at Pottersville (now Beloit), Ohio, from 1844 to 1846.

In his political opinion, Mr. Brosius is a Republican of no uncertain tone, and has for years been known as a hard worker in the ranks of that party, the principles of which he believes best adapted to advance the welfare of our Government. He is connected with a number of social organizations, among them the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Protected Home Circle, and the Order of Adelphia. The Grand Army of the Republic post at Alliance regards him as one of its most energetic members and he is at present serving as its Trustee.

The marriage of Mr. Brosius was solemnized in 1872, when Miss Elizabeth J. Getty, of Clarksburgh, Pa., became his wife. They have two children, George E. and Harry E., well-informed and energetic young men, of whose future the parents have great hopes. Mr. and Mrs. Brosius and the elder son are members of the Presbyterian Church and are active in advancing the religious welfare of the city.

GEORGE W. LEIGHTER. A simple narration of fact regarding the life of an individual is undoubtedly the best biographical history that can be written of him. Therefore we shall not endeavor to elaborate upon the incidents in the career of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is at present residing on section 22, Bethlehem Township, where he gives his time and attention to raising good grades of stock and to cultivating the soil. He has met with success in his worldly affairs, and that he is highly respected, it needs but a mention of his name to prove.

Like many of the best residents of Stark County, our subject is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Franklin County, June 5, 1825. He is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hounstine) Leighter, who were also natives of Pennsylvania and emigrated to this county in 1831. The trip was made overland, the family bringing with them a few household goods, and on arriving here, made their home for a short time in Pike Township. Thence they removed to Sandy Township, and after a residence there of some years, came to Prairie Township, where the father became the proprietor of a good farm.

Of the parental family of eight children, only two are living, our subject and his sister Eliza. George W. was reared to man's estate in this county and assisted his father in subduing Nature, building cabins, clearing land, etc. He received a limited education in the district schools, but being of a studious habit and a close observer, he obtained a practical education that has served him to good purpose.

Mr. Leighter has always followed the occupation of an agriculturist, and when fifteen years of age began working out by the month on farms, being thus employed until reaching his twenty-fourth year. Having been economical and industrious, he was then enabled to purchase property on his own account, and although subjected at the outset to many inconveniences, he has succeeded in clearing up a fine farm, supplied with good buildings and equipped with the most practical of modern machinery.

The lady whom Mr. Leighter chose as his wife June 24, 1848, was Miss Margaret, daughter of George and Mary Rosenfeller, early settlers in Pike Township. To them has been born a family of nine children, of whom we make the following mention: Emily, the wife of Isaac Hoff; Clara, Mrs. John Graves; Elnora, the wife of Samuel Whitmer; Elizabeth, Mrs. John Whitmire; Eliza, Mrs. William Beazel; Alice, Mrs. David Whitmer; Jeremiah, Mary and Charles at home.

Our subject is the proprietor of two hundred and twenty-three acres of valuable land, and in

point of energy, enterprise and determination, is looked upon as one of the leading men of Bethlehem Township. He is self-made in the broadest sense of that term, and his fine farm stands as a monument to his industry and good management. Mr. Leighter is a stalwart among the Democrats in this section, and is a man of good calibre, of excellent habits and possesses a keen intelligent mind. With his estimable wife, he is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and is a citizen who is most highly respected and well liked by the entire community.

JOSIAH CLUTZ. A plain, untarnished statement of the facts embraced in the life of Mr. Clutz, the efficient Commissioner of Stark County, Ohio, is all that we profess to be able to give in this history of the county; and yet, upon examination of those facts, there will be found the career of one whose entire course through the world has been marked by great honesty and fidelity of purpose. A self-made man in every sense of that much-abused term, Mr. Clutz has made all his property by industry and indomitable perseverance. He was born near Graeffenburgh, Adams County, Pa., on the 13th of February, 1831, and no doubt inherited all his thrift and perseverance from his German ancestors.

Our subject's father, Joseph Clutz, was a native of the Keystone State also, and was a tiller of the soil in Adams County, that State, until 1843, when the fertile soil of Ohio tempted him to settle within its borders. He located near Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, and continued to cultivate the soil until 1852, when he removed to Fulton County, Ill., and there passed the closing scenes of his life. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Miss Eva Altland, a native of Adams County, Pa., and she died in Illinois when eighty-four years of age. Of the nine children born to this worthy couple, eight grew to mature years and are now living.

Josiah Clutz, the second eldest of this family, came to the Buckeye State when twelve years of age, and, with his parents and other members of the family, made the trip with horse and wagon. He remained under the parental roof and assisted his father on the farm until 1849, or until he was eighteen years of age, securing a limited education in the primitive log schoolhouse of pioneer days. At the above-mentioned age, he began learning the gunsmith trade at Millwood, remaining thus engaged for three years, and afterward worked as journeyman in a small place for the same length of time. In the fall of 1855, he went to Iowa and was engaged in business in Muscatine until January of the following year, when he returned to Millwood. There he continued to follow his trade. He was married there in 1858 to Mrs. Eliza Kelley, who was born near Millwood, and continued to carry on his business at that place until the 1st of July, 1861, when he came to Massillon, making the journey with team and wagon. He located on Main Street and followed his trade here for twenty-one years. In 1882, he purchased the property he now owns, built a shop, and is one of the first-class workmen of the State. His superior workmanship has attracted the attention of all, and he has all the trade he can possibly attend to. He is the oldest and principal gunsmith here.

In the spring of 1887, he was elected a member of the Council from the Third Ward, and filled that position in a creditable and satisfactory manner for two terms. He was Chairman of the Street and Alley Committee and was on numerous other committees. In 1889, he was Deputy Auditor of the City Board of Equalization, and in 1890 he was Deputy Auditor of the Board of Real-estate Affairs. In 1891, he was re-elected to both positions. In the fall of that year, he was elected County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket, and is the present incumbent of that position. He devotes all his time to the duties of this office, and is a most capable and efficient official. His marriage was blessed by the birth of four children, but only one reached mature years, Joseph, who formerly had charge of the gun shop. He was drowned on the 20th of June, 1892, while attempt-

ing to rescue parties during the floods at that time. Mrs. Clutz' maiden name was Welker, and by her marriage to Mr. Kelley she became the mother of two daughters and a son, of whom one, a daughter, reached mature years and is now Mrs. Mary M. McBride, of Massillon, Ohio. In politics, Mr. Clutz is a Democrat, and has been a delegate to county conventions.

JOHN B. ZETTLER. Since coming to Canton in 1882, Mr. Zettler has become well known as the proprietor of the West Lawn Greenhouses and Nursery, located one-fourth of a mile north of the hospital, and which are the headquarters for plants, trees and shrubs of all kinds. His success has been far beyond his expectations, although not more than he is fairly entitled to through his indefatigable exertions and excellent judgment.

In Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio, our subject was born February 16, 1855, the eldest son in the family. John and Cresenia (Keiffer) Zettler, his parents, were natives of Germany, who emigrated to this country early in life and settled in Erie County, where the father followed his occupation of a farmer. In 1867, he removed to Canton, where for several years he was an employe of C. Aultman & Co. His death, which occurred in 1886, was mourned not alone by his immediate family, but by the large circle of warm friends whom his upright life had won. The mother is still living.

When twelve years old, our subject accompanied his parents to Canton, and here he gained his education in the common schools. In his youth he learned the trade of a carpenter, which, however, he did not follow for a livelihood, but abandoned it to engage in his present business. In his fine greenhouses he keeps a full stock of plants and has large varieties of flowers. As above mentioned, he has been successful and has accumulated a competency in the honorable discharge of his business affairs.

Mr. Zettler possesses an unusual inventive genius, and is widely known as the inventor of the sash-lock and sash-lift, on which he received a patent September 11, 1888, and which will undoubtedly be in common use at no distant day. He is also the inventor of Zettler's Revolving Book Case, which can be transformed into a wardrobe with the removal of the shelves. In addition to these, he invented butted glass sash bars, which do away with all puttying and trouble in replacing broken glass.

September 1, 1891, Mr. Zettler met with a very serious loss, when his place of business was burned to the ground, causing an almost entire loss of stock and tools, amounting to $3,000, on which was but $300 insurance. Undaunted by this severe misfortune, he rebuilt at once, put in a complete stock, and is again doing a large business. His career is well worthy the emulation of the young, for he started in life without moneyed capital, but by economy and industry has accumulated a nice property, including nine acres in Canton, and a comfortable residence.

The marriage of Mr. Zettler, January 14, 1879, united him with Miss Rosa, daughter of Nicholas Deville, by whom he has six children, namely: Ferdinand, Lester, Willie, Vincent, Effie and Ralph. The religious home of the family is in the Roman Catholic Church, and their position in social circles is one of prominence.

DANIEL URSCHEL. Among the natives of Germany who now rank among the prominent agriculturists of this county, may be classed the subject of this biographical review, whose life has been such as to reflect credit not only upon himself, but also upon the land of his nativity. He was born May 17, 1835, and was only three months old when he was brought by his parents, Daniel and Barbara Urschel, to this country.

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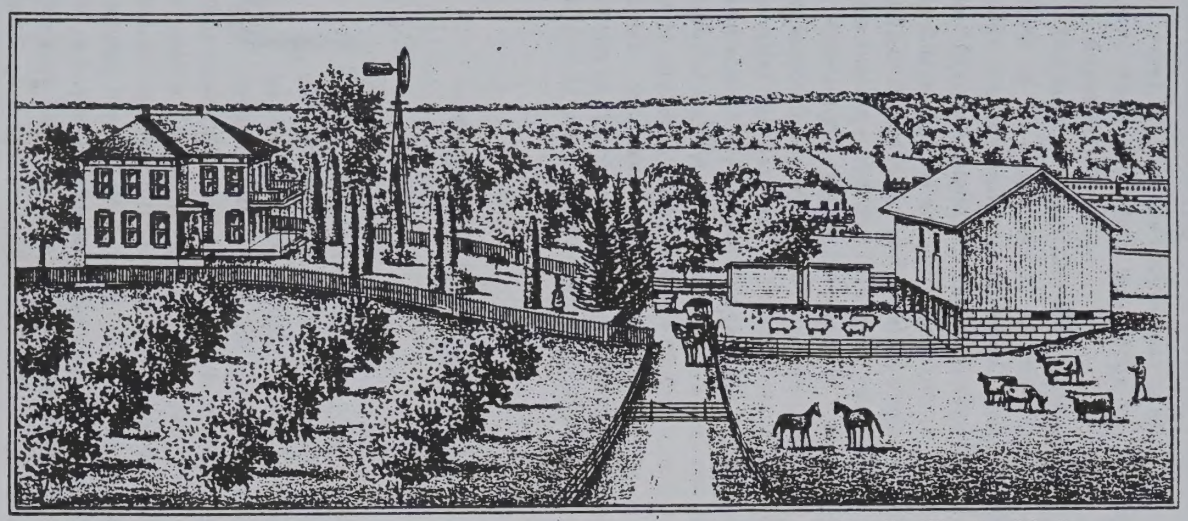
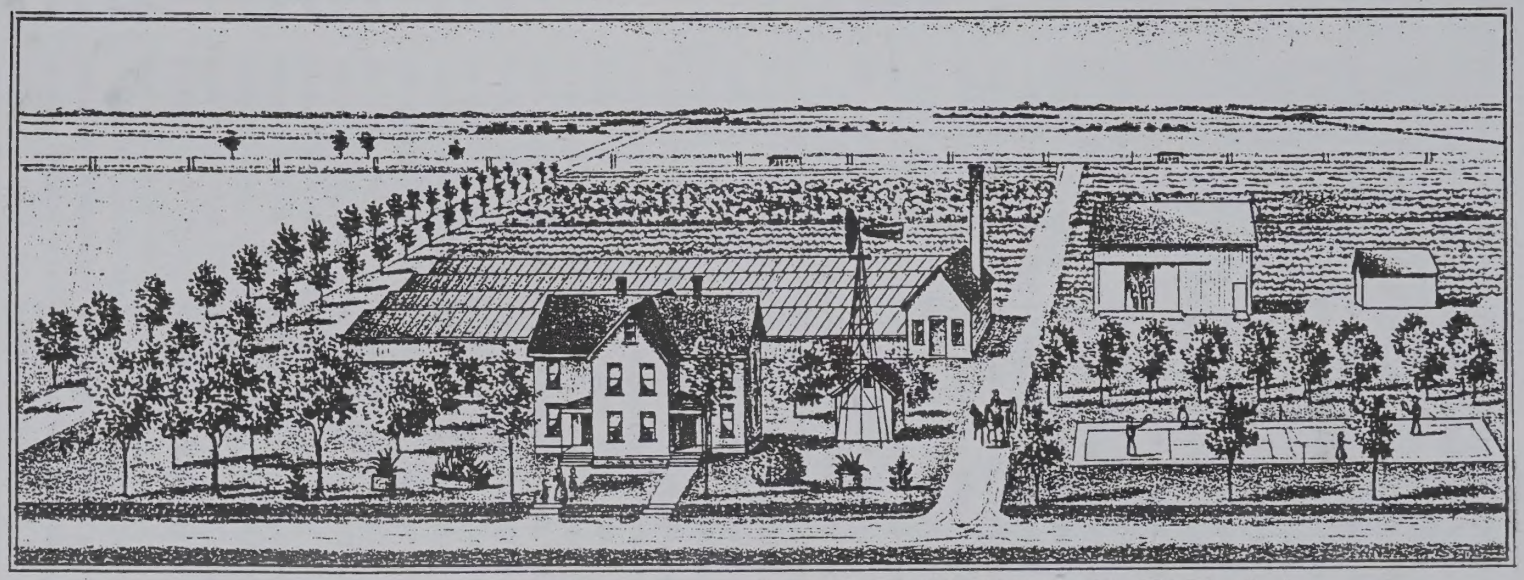


RESIDENCE OF DANIEL URSCHEL SEC. 26., SUGAR CREEK TP., STARK CO., O.



NURSERY & GREENHOUSES OF J. B. ZETTLER, SEC. 5., CANTON TP., STARK CO., O.

landing upon American shores, made their way directly to Stark County, and located in a rude log cabin in Bethlehem Township, where their decease occurred. Daniel's education was obtained in the district schools and amid the usual surroundings of rural life, but his deficiencies in book lore were more than offset by a knowledge of the practical duties of life.

The lady to whom Daniel Urschel owes the comforts of his home became his wife December 17, 1861. She is a native of Holmes County, this State, and bore the maiden name of Caroline Geiger. Mr. and Mrs. Urschel are both members of the Evangelical Association, and together they are enjoying the success which was earned by years of toil.

Our subject is now the owner of ninety acres of valuable land, which he has improved with substantial buildings and all that makes life pleasant and attractive. After studying the political situation, he became a Democrat, and is still connected with the party which was his choice in early manhood. He takes an intelligent interest in all the affairs of the community, but does not seek public honor or put himself forward in public matters.

JOHN MICHENER. The biography which is given below is that of the gentleman who, though passed to his final reward, still lives in the gracious influence that emanated from him while on earth. He was a native Ohioan, born in Lawrence Township, Stark County, on the farm where his widow now resides, September 10, 1818. His father, Jonathan M., a native of Lancaster County, Pa., came to the Buckeye State as early as 1816, and took up the land now owned by Mrs. Michener. He married Miss Jane Hobson, a native of Jefferson County, Ohio. Both were Quakers in their religious belief.

The subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth of the children born to his parents, and his early days were passed amid the rude surroundings of pioneer life. Ohio was in its youthful days; schools and culture had not yet reached that point where a finished education was the rule and expectation of the mass of the youth as now. His first educational training was in the district schools of Lawrence Township, his father being the teacher, but he subsequently attended school at Canton, where he was well educated for his time and day. His father died in 1839, and our subject and his elder brother were obliged to support the family. After reaching mature years, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Beatty, a native of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, born July 9, 1828. Mr. Michener was a Democrat in his political views, and held township offices for about eighteen years, being Assessor, Trustee and School Director. He was a Quaker in his religious views, and died in that faith on the 6th of September, 1886. He was a man of thorough understanding of public affairs, and was interested in every measure for the improvement and development of the county.

The father of Mrs. Michener, John Beatty, was supposed to have been born in Ireland, but was reared in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. His wife, Mrs. Michener's mother, was formerly Miss Christiana Powell, also a native of the Keystone State, where she was reared. There Mr. Beatty and she met and married, and they afterward located in Mifflin County, where they made their home until 1824. At that date they came to Ohio, and located in Jackson Township, Stark County, where the mother now resides, being ninety-six years of age. The father, too, lived to an advanced age, dying in Jackson Township when in his ninety-fifth year. They had a family of eleven children, six of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and four daughters are now living. Gen. Beatty was the only son who grew to manhood. The living daughters are: Rosina, wife of John A. King, of Henry County, Ohio; Elizabeth widow of our subject; Mariah, widow of John Butler; and Mary, who resides with her mother and has never married.

Mrs. Michener, the fourth in order of birth of the above-mentioned children, was fairly educated in the district schools of Jackson Township, and remained under the parental roof until her marriage to Mr. Michener, August 1, 1846. After

marriage, this young couple located on the farm now occupied by Mrs. Michener, and there their four children, two daughters and two sons, were born. These are as follows: Mary, at home; John Benton, a lawyer in the city of Canton; Harriet C., deceased; and James W., who married Miss Etta Whipple, and now resides with his mother on the farm. Mrs. Michener owns one hundred and sixty acres, the old homestead, and the third generation now tills the soil of this old place, Mrs. Michener renting the land to her son.

JOSEPH SCHOTT, who resides at No. 17 Lawrence Avenue, and is a contractor and builder of Canton, was born on his father's farm in Sandy Township, Stark County, on the 1st of March, 1834, and is a son of Anthony and Gertrude (Halter) Schott. The parents were born near Strasburg, in Alsace, France. Soon after their marriage in 1831, they emigrated to America, locating in Syracuse, N. Y. The father spent the first year of his residence in this country in working in the salt fields of that region, after which he came to Stark County, Ohio, settling in Osnaburg. Subsequently he became a resident of Canton, and for five years was employed in the iron works, after which he removed to Tuscarawas County, where his death occurred in 1853. His wife long survived him, and died in Canton in 1886.

Joseph Schott of this sketch is the second in order of birth in a family of five children. The common schools afforded him his educational privileges, and in order to earn his own livelihood he learned the carpenter's trade. After mastering that business, he followed it for many years, and at the same time dealt in real estate on his own account. He laid out and platted what is known as the Keath & Schott Addition to Canton, and by his judicious investments in land has accumulated considerable property. He also owns a cattle ranch in Grayson County, Tex., which is now carried on by his two sons, and sometimes one or two of the daughters stay there.

Mr. Schott has been three times married. In 1860, he was wedded to Miss Caroline Brankle, who died leaving four children; Clara, who was the wife of John Voggelsang, died leaving two daughters; Sylvanus A. and William, who are now on their father's ranch in Texas; and Ella at home. For his second wife, Mr. Schott chose Rosanna Kesler, and they became the parents of a son and a daughter, Albert and Ada. The latter is in Texas with her brothers. The lady who is now Mrs. Schott was in her maidenhood Miss Magdelene Markling, a native of Ohio. They have two daughters, Sadie and Emma, who are yet in school.

In politics, Mr. Schott is a stalwart Democrat, and takes quite an active part in promoting the interests of his party. He has twice represented the Fourth Ward in the City Council, and with promptness and fidelity performed his public duties. He is a man of strict honor and integrity, and the confidence reposed in him is shown by the fact that he has several times been appointed administrator of large estates. At this writing he has charge of the Adam Lippert estate. Mr. Schott and his wife are members of the St. John's Catholic Church, and are among its liberal supporters. He has succeeded in his business career, for he is a first-class contractor and builder and never fails to carry out his part in an agreement, thus winning universal confidence and esteem.

ORLANDO B. CULLER. This name will be recognized by many of our readers as that of a gentleman who has borne an important part in the development of the agricultural resources of the Buckeye State, surrounding Tuscarawas Township, and who has also been a potent factor in the political and municipal affairs of the township mentioned. He is now serving as Trustee of that section, and the work which he is doing conclusively demonstrates the fact that

he is greatly concerned regarding the improvement of the township.

Mr. Culler may well be interested in this people and country, as he has in both the interest of one born here, whose life has almost entirely been spent in labor with, and for, the citizens of Stark County. His birthplace was in Tuscarawas Township and his natal day February 26, 1841. He is a son of Samuel and Mary (Bidleman) Culler, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The parents emigrated to this county at an early day, where they acquired a good property by hard work and frugal management.

Our subject is the younger of the two children who survive, his brother being Jeremiah Culler. Samuel, another son, is deceased. The elder Mr. Culler was prominent in local affairs and served his township in the capacity of Trustee for some years. He stood well among his fellow-citizens, and his reputation for honesty and fairness in all his dealings was of the best. He died in this county in 1885, a devoted member of the Lutheran Church.

Orlando B. Culler, of this sketch, received a careful home training and as good an education as the schools of the time afforded opportunity for, and has applied the principles gained therein to good advantage in carrying on his work. He determined to pursue the calling of a farmer and is now prosecuting successfully his chosen vocation. He is a man of active habits, industrious and not afraid of hard work, and thus has found plenty to occupy his time and attention, and does not know what it is to be idle. In connection with his farming interests, Mr. Culler has operated a threshing-machine for the past twenty years, and reaps quite an income from this branch of work.

The marriage of our subject was solemnized June 26, 1861, at which time Miss Mary A., daughter of David Levers, became his wife. Their family now includes the following-named four children: Charles F., Nettie L., Clement A. and Cora B. The estate of Mr. Culler includes eighty-two acres of excellent land and is amply supplied with good buildings, is under a high state of cultivation and universally conceded to be one of the best farms in the township.

In his political relations, he of whom we write is a stanch Democrat, believing that party to be in the right. He is now serving his third term as Township Trustee, and has also been the incumbent of the office of Assessor. He is a good manager, possesses a good degree of foresight, and has his interests under excellent control, and we always find him favoring all things that will in any way benefit township or county.

WILLIAM M. NEWSTETTER, Editor of *The Gleaner*, the State organ for the Farmers' Alliance, was born in Massillon, Ohio, October 11, 1859, and is a descendant of sturdy German ancestors. His great-grandfather, Conrad Newstetter, was a native of Bremen, Germany, and was the first representative of the Newstetter family in America. He settled in Pennsylvania at a period antedating the Revolution, but later moved to the Old Dominion, and from there to the Buckeye State in 1812, entering about one hundred and sixty acres in Tuscarawas Township, where his death occurred about 1826.

His son, and the grandfather of our subject, Henry Newstetter, was a Virginian by birth, having been born on the James River about 1792, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. After returning from the army, he entered land in Ohio and began in true pioneer style to improve and develop it. He married Miss Susannah Voris, daughter of Peter Voris, and on the farm which he had spent the best years of his life in improving, he passed away in 1871. The father of our subject, Henry Newstetter, Jr., was born in Tuscarawas Township, Knox County, Ohio, and here he passed his boyhood and youth. At an early age, he began clerking in a dry-goods store in Massillon and continued there until 1889, when he went to Akron, and is now salesman in a dry-goods store there. His wife, whose maiden name was Charlotte Humberger, was born near Brookfield, Ohio, and her parents, Jacob and Rachel Humberger, were natives

of Westmoreland County, Pa. Her parents came to Ohio at an early date and located near Brookfield, where the father became a very prominent stockman. Later, he located in Massillon and became one of the representative citizens, being a member of the City Council for several terms. His death occurred in this town in 1887. His wife resides in Massillon and is a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Newstetter were born two children, our subject and Bertha M., who is in the dry-goods store of Allman & Putman.

The original of this notice was reared in Massillon and received a good, practical education in the city schools. At the age of fourteen, he entered the printing office of the old *Independent*, edited by Welker & Taylor, but later went to Cleveland, where he received thorough instruction for about six months. After this, he returned and took charge of the *Independent*, then conducted by Charles E. Taylor, and managed that paper until 1886, when he started a job office with a half-medium press and a small amount of type. In November, 1886, he started *The Gleaner*, then a four-column folio, as an advertising sheet, but it grew so in popularity that it is now a weekly six-column quarto, and has a circulation of over three thousand. April 1, 1892, it was made the State organ, with a circulation of ten thousand, and is devoted to the interests of the Farmers' Alliance and Woman's Suffrage. Mr. Newstetter started as a practical job printer, his only capital being his trade, but by hard work and energy and close application to his calling, he has made a complete success. His presses are run by electricity, and his plant contains the highest grade of cylinder presses, patent folders, and all the latest-improved machinery. He has a complete model of a modern office, in a building erected especially for the business. Ten men are employed all the time. Mr. Newstetter's paper is now thoroughly established, its crisp and trenchant editorials command an ever-widening area of circulation, while they carry with them that weight and authority which a clear, calm and intelligent judgment must secure.

Mr. Newstetter was married in Massillon, in 1884, to Miss Laura C. Vogt, daughter of John Vogt, who is a stone contractor and builder, and proprietor of the Vogt Stone Company. One child has been born to our subject's union, Malcolm A. Socially, Mr. Newstetter is a Master Mason, and a member of the Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank; the Order of United American Mechanics, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In politics, our subject is an Independent, favoring the best men, irrespective of party.

CHARLES E. OBERLIN. Massillon ranks deservedly high as a commercial centre, and prominent among its resources is the trade carried on in hardware. Identified with this trade and deserving of notice, is Charles E. Oberlin, who is one of the foremost and far-seeing business men of the place. He is a representative of one of the oldest families in the county, and is the son of Samuel Oberlin (see sketch). He was born in Massillon on the 24th of February, 1855, was next to the youngest child born to his parents, and was reared and educated in his native town, being graduated from the High School when about eighteen years of age.

Our subject subsequently entered the hardware store of S. A. Conrad as clerk, and continued as such for about ten years, after which he became junior partner, about 1883. Even at that age he displayed unusual sagacity and shrewdness as a business man, and remained a member of this firm until 1888, attending strictly to the buying and selling. The firm then dissolved partnership, and in the spring of that year our subject branched out in business for himself. He has a large double store at Nos. 12 and 14 North Erie Street, J. F. Hess' old stand, and the building is three stories in height and is 50x65 feet in dimensions. An elevator is in this building. Mr. Oberlin put in a fine new stock of shelf hardware and miner's supplies, paints, oils, etc., and has a large and flourishing trade. He is an energetic and thorough man of business, and is highly esteemed, being honorable in all his dealings.

Our subject is a Director of the Massillon Building and Loan Association, and takes an interest in other enterprises of the city. He owns a pleasant home on Tremont Street, and is the owner of other residences in the city. In the year 1887, he selected his wife in the person of Miss Ella Miller, who was born in Massillon, and whose father, William T., is a moulder with Russell & Co., of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Oberlin are the parents of one child, Howard M. Public-spirited and enterprising, Mr. Oberlin has ever taken an active interest in all worthy enterprises, and has given liberally of his means to further the same. He is President of the City Board of Teachers' Examiners, and has been a member of the same for four years. Socially, he is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Royal Arcanum, also a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a Trustee in the same. In politics, he is a Republican.

ALEXANDER HURFORD, a retired capitalist of Canton, was born in this city, November 25, 1817, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Wilcoxen) Hurford. His mother was born in Brooke County, Va., and was a daughter of Greenbury Wilcoxen, who was of Dutch descent. The Hurfords were of Scotch lineage. The father of our subject was born in the eastern part of Maryland in 1780, and was a farmer and miller. He came to Canton in 1807, and built a gristmill and distillery, which were known as the Hurford Mills and Still House. Later, he engaged in merchandising, which he carried on for some time.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the village schools, but his advantages were limited, as the session each year lasted for only about three months. At the age of twelve, he began working on the farm, plowing, seeding, etc., and while yet a boy was often required to drive from four to six horses to a wagon. He remained at home until the death of his father and then entered the employ of Hull & Shepherd, commission merchants, receiving $25 per month. He was required to look after the warehouse, and did this work for thirty-five months, during which time he gained a good knowledge of business methods. He then embarked in farming, which he has continued more or less all his life. He ran a mill near Wellsville, and engaged in its operation until 1842, when he sold out, came back to Canton and bought a part of his father's farm and the mill. Going South on business, he stopped at Vicksburg and at Memphis, Tenn., and from there went by boat up the Yazoo River to Williams' Landing, after which he returned to Wellsville, Ohio.

Mr. Hurford married Miss Elizabeth Swearingin, of Hanover, January 28, 1842, daughter of E. Swearingin, and settled with his bride on the farm above mentioned, and also carried on the mill formerly owned by his father, a portion of the old homestead. He then carried on farming and milling for a number of years, when, on account of failing health, he sold out. Having recovered from his illness, he began dealing in cattle, sheep and horses which he drove to Pittsburgh, and in this line of trade made considerable money. His next business venture was in supplying ties, wood and lumber, and in constructing bridges for the Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad, after which he bought wood and ties for the same road, with which he was connected for fifteen years. Subsequent to that time, various enterprises engrossed his attention. In 1860, in company with Peter P. Trump, he built the Hurford House, a four-story building, and one of the leading hotels of Canton, of which Mr. Hurford is now sole owner. In connection with this, he owns a good farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Lawrence Township, highly cultivated and well improved. He also owns another valuable tract of one hundred and thirty acres adjoining the corporation on the southeast. Mr. Hurford, Peter P. Trump and Hiram Wise owned and operated the Exchange Bank several years. Subsequently, Mr. Hurford sold his interest to H. R. Wise.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hurford were born three sons and three daughters: Elizabeth, now the wife of Charles Brackebush; Emma, wife of Daniel Spotts; Rebecca, wife of Charles E. Dark, engaged in the insurance business in Indianapolis; Alexander, a resident of Canton; Alvin, President of the Novelty Cutlery Company of Canton; and Ebenezer, who is shipping clerk for the Diebold Safe and Lock Company. The mother of this family was called to her final rest February 24, 1890, in her sixty-seventh year. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, with which she had united in 1841.

In early life, Mr. Hurford was a Whig, but afterward became a Republican. To many business enterprises he has devoted his attention, and by enterprise, good management and the application of correct business principles, he has won a brilliant success. His life has been characterized by that indomitable spirit which carries forward to successful completion whatever it undertakes. He is now one of the wealthy citizens of Canton, and is also one of its valued and representative men.

LEWIS V. BOCKIUS is one of the prominent business men of Canton, a member of the firm of Bockius & Sons, President of the Canton Cemetery Association, Vice-president of the Diebold Safe and Lock Company, and Vice-president of the City National Bank. He was born in Canton, April 16, 1826, and is a son of John C. and Rosanna (Keller) Bockius. His father was a native of Prussia, but the grandfather of our subject was born in Fredericktown, Md. He went to Europe as a soldier, and while there was pressed into the British service, but in Denmark he deserted and went to Germany. He became a sailor on a man-of-war, and was with Napoleon's army for a number of years. In 1834, he returned to this country, and died in Canton.

John Bockius remained with his father until nineteen years of age. When a lad of twelve years, he became attached to the army of Bonaparte as drummer, serving as such for five years, and in 1812 crossed the Alps with the army on foot to Italy, his division being ordered to Moscow. At the age of seventeen, he learned the shoemaker's trade in Prussia, and in the year 1819 emigrated to America. On his arrival, he had only twenty cents, and was in debt for his passage. He had expected to be sold on arriving in Philadelphia to pay for his passage, but a friend of his father made up a purse and gave him the necessary $60. To this gentleman, Mr. Bockius gave a note payable with interest. With a small pack on his back, he then started on foot for Canton, where his uncle, John Bockius, was living, and began earning the money to pay off his indebtedness. Again making the trip to Philadelphia on foot, he paid the $60 and added interest, and happy indeed was he when he received his note in exchange. On the 5th of May, 1820, he returned to Canton, and embarked in the manufacture of boots and shoes. Afterward he added a stock of ready-made goods in this line, and established a house which is now one of the leading boot and shoe stores of Canton, and with which he continued his connection up to the time of his death in 1878.

Mr. Bockius married Rosanna Keller, a native of Baden, who came with her parents to Canton when twelve years of age. She proved a faithful helpmate to her husband in all his early struggles. She died in 1865. Their marriage was celebrated May 25, 1825, and unto them were born seven sons and six daughters, of whom six are yet living: Lewis V., of this sketch; Henry J. and Charles J., residents of Port Huron, Mich., engaged in the shoe business; Charles J., of Canton; Henrietta, wife of R. Rohrer, of Freeport, Ill.; and Mrs. Amelia D. Huntington, of Georgetown, Colo.

Lewis V. Bockius, our subject, was educated in the village schools, and began his business career in his father's store, serving as clerk until 1848, when he was admitted to partnership under the firm name of J. C. Bockius & Son. In 1850, he took a trip to California, but retained his interest in the store, and on the Pacific Slope engaged in mining and trading, and for a time carried on a store. Returning to Canton, he again entered the

boot and shoe business, and after his father's death entered into partnership with his brother, Edward A. This connection continued until the death of the brother in 1881. In May of that year, another brother, Charles J., was admitted to partnership, but the old firm name of J. C. Bockius & Son was retained, and business carried on under that title until 1886, when our subject bought out the interest of his partner and admitted two of his sons to the business, each taking a fourth interest. The firm name of L. V. Bockius & Sons was then assumed. They do business at No. 10 South Market Street, and carry a large and fine stock of boots and shoes. In 1868, they lost heavily through fire, as their store and goods were only lightly insured, but immediately afterward the present three-story brick building was erected on the same site. It is the oldest and one of the most important boot and shoe stores in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Bockius was married in September, 1855, to Miss Caroline P., daughter of John and Susan (Trup) Graham. Her parents were among the earliest settlers of Jackson Township, and her father, a very prominent man, was State Senator for seven years. Unto our subject and his wife have been born six children: Charles J., Edward G., Harry G.; Catherine A., wife of Atlee Pomerene; Mary H. and Frederick G.

In politics, Mr. Bockius is a Republican, and held the office of City Treasurer for one term. He was one of the organizers of the Valley Railroad, and one of its Directors until 1872. He aided in organizing the Citizens' National Bank, of which he is Vice-president, and in the People's Savings Bank, which he helped to organize in 1891, he holds the office of Director. He helped to organize, and is now President of, the West Lawn Cemetery Association, and is one of the largest stockholders in the Diebold Safe and Lock Company. He owns four good store buildings besides his elegant brick residence at No. 133 Market Street. Mr. Bockius is a public-spirited citizen who has the best interests of the community at heart, and gives liberally for the support of all worthy enterprises. The brilliant success which has crowned his life is not the result of accident, but industrious efforts have brought it to him. Endowed by nature with good business ability, he has made the most of his opportunities, and his enterprise, perseverance and good management have gained him a well-deserved prosperity. He is one of the leading business men of Canton, and the history of Stark County would be incomplete without the sketch of this representative citizen.

DANIEL COBAUGH, President of the Canton Spring Company, with office and works at South Cherry Street, furnishes a notable example of success achieved by earnest endeavor to excel and by perseverance in a special line of industry. The revolution which has taken place in the manufacture of all kinds of vehicles has given rise to numerous factories for the manufacture of the various parts, and has given an impetus to those which already had an existence. The Canton Spring Company was founded in a modest way in 1878 by Daniel Cobaugh, and in less than ten years, such had been the growth of the enterprise, it was deemed expedient to merge it into a joint stock company, which was done in 1887, with the following officers: D. Cobaugh, President; H. Mc Daniel, Vice-president; H. D. Myers, Secretary, and J. J. Cobaugh, Treasurer. The factory is a model in its way, as all the newest appliances are found here for the manufacture of their specialties, while the order and system which prevail on every hand add much to the efficiency. Employment is given to about ninety skilled and practical workmen, and the product finds a ready market with the leading carriage makers all over the country.

Daniel Cobaugh was born in Stark County, Ohio, to Dietrich and Sarah (Shanafelt) Cobaugh, both natives of Maryland, in which State they were reared and married. They removed to Stark County about 1834. By trade he was a miller. The father was called from life while just in the zenith of his usefulness. Our subject spent his boyhood days at Greentown, and at the age of seventeen came to Canton and began serving an apprentice-

ship at the foundry business with Ball, Aultman & Co., completing his trade at the end of three years. He, however, continued in the employ of the firm until 1857, then became an employe of the Ball Reaper Company, and worked in the foundry department until 1864. The following fall he formed a partnership with Ballard, Fast & Co., and engaged in the manufacture of mowing-machines, knives and sickles, which business continued until 1878, when it closed. The same year Mr. Cobaugh founded his present business, as above stated, and the success which he has achieved, and the large and steadily increasing volume of his trade, are the deserved rewards of industry and enterprise in maintaining the quality of his products at the highest standard, and conducting all his transactions upon fair and honorable methods. His establishment is equipped with every convenience and accessory calculated to aid or expedite the operations of his business.

In 1856, our subject's marriage with Louise Ball, daughter of Col. E. Ball, one of Canton's pioneer manufacturers, and one to whom the city of Canton is greatly indebted, was celebrated. Mr. and Mrs. Cobaugh are the parents of the following children: John, Mary A., Nellie D. (deceased) Anna, Kate, Lulu (deceased) and Dietrich. Mr. Cobaugh has served two years as a member of the City Council, and for the past three years has been a member of the Board of Water Works. In politics, he is a stanch Democrat. He has a pleasant and comfortable residence on North Market Street, where he and his wife dispense a generous and true-hearted hospitality.

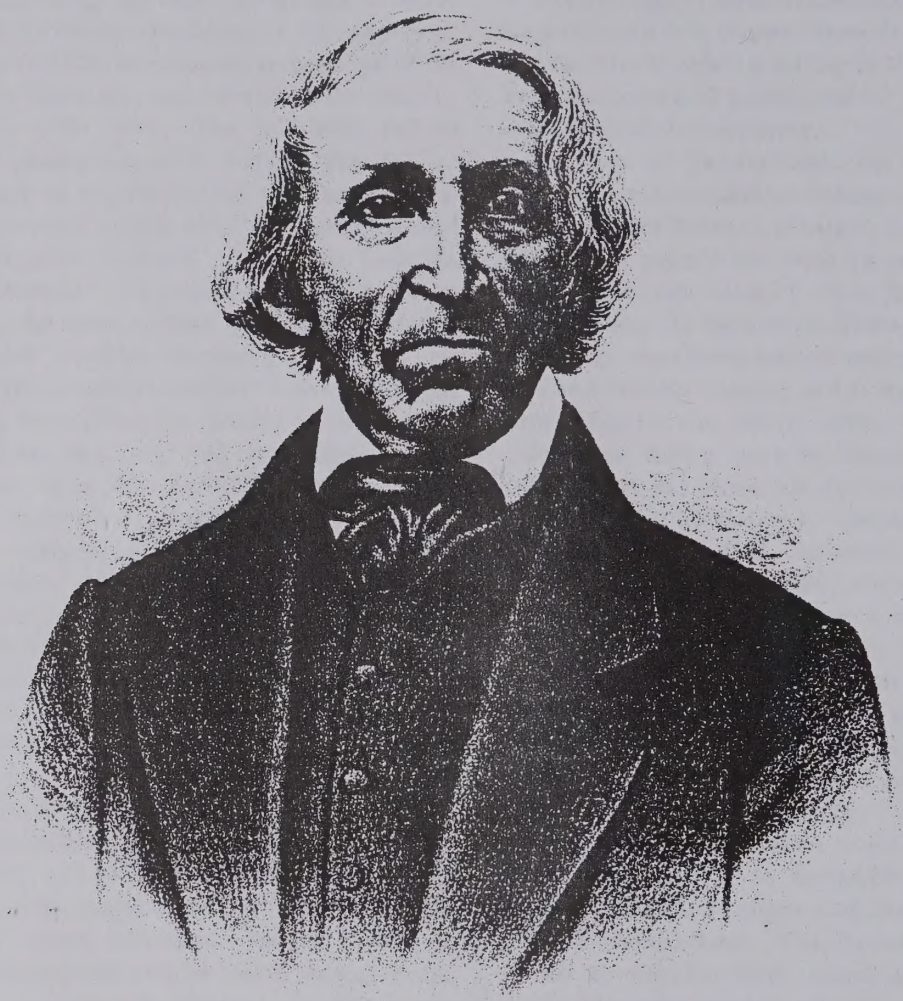
JONATHAN KEEHN, deceased. There is always more or less curiosity to know the true and inner history of men who have been long and favorably identified with the business interests of any community, and undoubtedly the biography of Mr. Keehn will prove interesting, alike to both young and old. Brought up to a knowledge of farm duties, he naturally chose the avocation of a farmer, when it became necessary for him to select a calling in life. His experience was wide and varied, and at his decease he left a comfortable property.

A native of Pennsylvania, the subject of this sketch was born in Mercer County, April 3, 1805, to George and Susanna (Shalter) Keehn. He was a lad of ten years when, with his parents, he emigrated to the new State of Ohio, the family making settlement in Bethlehem Township, on section 10. They were there ranked among the early settlers and reliable citizens, and it was there that the father departed this life in 1832.

Jonathan Keehn grew to man's estate in this county, and has done his full share of pioneer work in aiding his father to prepare the ground and cultivate the soil of the home farm. He attended the district school during the winter months, conning his lessons while sitting on a slab bench in a log schoolhouse. Mr. Keehn had always followed the occupation of a farmer, and was classed among the prominent and progressive agriculturists of his neighborhood, being always ready to adopt any new method which would bring him in the largest returns.

When ready to establish a home of his own, our subject was married in September, 1830, to Miss Anna M. Reed, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kaufman) Reed. Mrs. Keehn was a native of this county, her birth occurring October 11, 1807. She was reared to mature years by a most excellent mother, being trained to perform all those duties, which make a model housekeeper. She was one in a family of ten children, of whom three are deceased. Those surviving are: Susannah, Elizabeth, Sarah, George; Mary, the wife of B. Straub; Melinda, Mrs. Jackson Drummond; and Caroline.

Mr. Keehn was classed among the best citizens of his township, both as regarded his public life, which was irreproachable, and his civic capacity, in which he acted without a stain. His fellow-citizens, appreciating his worth, his sound business talent and genuine integrity, called upon him at different times to take part in municipal affairs,



JONATHAN HOLBEN.

and for a number of terms he served as Trustee of Bethlehem Township. He used his political influence in favor of the Democratic party, and was much esteemed for his many excellent traits of character. He departed this life July 14, 1868, firm in the faith of the Reformed Church. His good wife, who survived him a number of years, died December 28, 1890, at an advanced age, and during her last days suffered the loss of her eyesight. She was also a devoted member of the Reformed Church, in which body she was an active worker.

The old homestead of our subject is occupied by several daughters, who are managing it in a most profitable manner. One son, George W., was a soldier in the late war, and saw much hard fighting, being present at the battle of Vicksburg. He is a most estimable man, and destined to make his mark in the world. He of whom we write was a strong advocate of free schools, and served many terms acceptably in the position of Director of his district. His worthy character and useful life secured for him the respect of many acquaintances throughout the county, and the deeper regard of those who knew him best.

JONATHAN HOLBEN, formerly one of the progressive and well-to-do agriculturists of this county, displayed much enterprise and ability in carrying on his farming operations and won for himself a high place among the men of his class in Tuscarawas Township, where he resided. He was born in Lehigh County, Pa., and after coming to Ohio followed his trade of a tailor in Canton for a time, and subsequently located upon the beautiful estate which his widow is occupying at the present time.

The school advantages of our subject were far inferior to those offered lads at this time. He, however, acquired a good foundation on which to build his after knowledge, both of branches studied from books and from the practical affairs of life. When ready to establish a home of his own, he was married in January, 1832, to Miss Annie Ruffner, who was born in this county October 25, 1810, and is therefore one of the oldest living residents. She is the daughter of Conrad and Annie E. (Myers) Ruffner, who came from Pennsylvania, their native State, in an early day, and located on an uncultivated tract of land in the woods of Plain Township. The family was obliged to camp out in the wagons until a rude structure was completed, and in that humble home Mrs. Holben was reared to mature years, and experienced many of the hardships and inconveniences incidental to the first settlement of a country. She laid the foundation of her education in the district school, and was trained to perform all the home duties by her excellent mother.

After their marriage, they lived for a short time in Canton, and later took up their abode on the farm in this township. They became the parents of six children, the three youngest of whom are living, namely: Jonathan F., Isaac C. and Mary. The great grief of Mrs. Holben's life was occasioned by the death of her husband, December 6, 1873, but she was not alone in her sorrow, as his departure from the scenes of this life was regretted by a large circle of friends, who sincerely sympathized with the family.

Mr. Holben began life without means, and it was only by the force of indomitable will and the exercise of untiring industry, seconded by clear judgment and sagacious foresight, that he placed himself among the prominent agriculturists of his township. At his death he left a valuable estate, comprising a quarter-section of land in this township, besides one hundred and fourteen acres of land in Plain Township and property in the city of Canton. The home farm is supplied with every comfort, and during his life our subject and his excellent wife drew around them a fine circle of friends, winning the regard of all who knew them.

The parents of our subject bore the names of Frederick and Margaret Holben, and were respected residents of Pennsylvania. Jonathan F., the son of him of whom we write, makes his home with his mother and is superintending the opera-

tions of the farm. He is a young man of exceptional energy and industry, and has won for himself an assured position among his fellow-farmers. Like his worthy father, he is a stanch Democrat in politics.

WILLIAM BECHER. Stark County has no more highly respected resident within its limits than the gentleman above named, who is extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Pike Township. He comes of good old pioneer stock, and was born on section 4 of the above township, March 11, 1838. It being generally believed that heredity and environment have much to do with the formation of character, and that our lives are stimulated by the immediate or direct influence of our ancestors, a short resume of the lives of Mr. Becher's parents may serve as an index to the liberal impulses which mark his daily life and which have won for him the esteem of those who know him.

Squire John Becher, the father of our subject, was born in Bedford County, Pa., January 22, 1806, and in 1815 came to this county and made his home in Pike Township, where he is residing at the present time, being the second oldest citizen in the township. His father, Henry Becher, was a native of Germany, having been born in Wittenberg, where his father died when he was two years old. He was then brought by his mother to America, she locating in Huntingdon County, Pa., where the grandfather was reared to manhood. Being trained to farm pursuits, he worked out on farms by the day and month until attaining his majority, when he was married, and made his home in Bedford County, where he resided until the fall of 1815, at which time he came to this county. He was a patriot in the War of 1812, and served under Gen. William Henry Harrison in the battle in which Tecumseh was killed. Later, he was under the command of Oliver H. Perry at the battle of Lake Erie. His father-in-law, Mathias Brothers, had located in Pike Township in 1806, and after the close of the war, in 1813, Henry Becher visited this section on his way home and was so well pleased with the outlook that he purchased land on the southeast quarter of section 10. Returning to Pennsylvania, he disposed of his property there, and in the fall of 1815 came to Stark County and made this his future home. The journey, which was made across the mountains with a six-horse team, consumed six weeks' time, the route lying most of the time through a dense wilderness.

Grandfather Becher on arriving in this county made his home in a log cabin on an uncultivated tract of land, and was employed, like other pioneers of the day, in subduing Nature, clearing and breaking prairie, etc. Deer, bears and all kinds of wild animals were very numerous about his home, and he brought down many a deer with his trusty old rifle. He was a very hard-working man, and was one well calculated to aid in the building up of a new country, being energetic, affable and kind-hearted. He resided on his farm until his decease, which occurred in his sixty-sixth year.

The maiden name of our subject's grandmother was Magdalena Brothers; she was a native of Bedford County, Pa., and by her marriage with Henry Becher reared a family of four children, namely: John, Peter, Mary and Elizabeth. She departed this life on the old home farm when sixty-eight years of age. The father of our subject was a lad of ten years when he accompanied his parents hither, and has quite a vivid recollection of the venturesome journey from Pennsylvania to this State. His education, which was begun in his native State, was completed in the primitive schools near his new home, The temple of learning was a rude structure, seated with old-fashioned slab benches, and the writing-desk, which was placed under a long greased-paper window, consisted of a rough board, resting on pins driven in the wall for legs. The room was heated with a large open fireplace with a mud and stick chimney.

John Becher remained on the home farm until reaching his twenty-third year, when he began life on his own account, and was married in 1829 to Miss Polly Failer, who, like himself, was also a native of the Keystone State. She became the mother

of one child, a son, Henry, and departed this life a few years after her marriage.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Elizabeth Failer, and her marriage with Squire Becher was solemnized in 1833. She was a cousin of his first wife, and became the mother of five children, viz.: William, Mattie, Mary, Levi, and John (deceased). She was an active church-worker, and a devoted member of the German Reformed Church. Her death, which occurred in 1886, was a sad event in the history of the family, who still hold her in the most loving remembrance.

After his first marriage, the father of our subject located on the farm now owned by Jeremiah Apley, in Pike Township, and there lived and labored until 1855, when, on account of ill health, he abandoned agricultural pursuits, and, removing to Sparta, opened up a dry-goods store, which he conducted successfully for a number of years. He is now, however, living retired from active work of any kind, and is enjoying to the full the results of his early years of industry and economy. He has been eminently worthy and useful to the community in which he is residing, and his neighbors and old friends unitedly bear testimony to his sterling worth, integrity and valuable services as a citizen. The Evangelical Lutheran Church finds in him an influential member and liberal contributor. Subjected to many of the hardships and privations of pioneer life, the experiences tended but to strengthen his character, and made him more self-reliant, helpful toward others, and neighborly in the truest sense of the word.

In politics, Squire Becher is a Republican of no uncertain tone, and has been a strong advocate of the principles of the party ever since its organization. His first vote was cast for Henry Clay in 1829. He has been very prominent in local affairs, and served as Postmaster of Sparta for a quarter of a century, and is thus widely and favorably known throughout the entire county. He has not only been a witness of the gradual growth of the county from a sparsely inhabited wilderness to a populous and well-developed agricultural region, but it may be his pride that he has helped to bring about the great transformation. He has served as Justice of the Peace for twelve years, and was Township Clerk for twenty-one consecutive years, being the incumbent of that office, in all, twenty-five years. He was Assessor of Pike Township for thirty-five years, and is a gentleman whose influence for good is felt throughout this section. He is well known in this portion of the State, and in all matters pertaining to the good of his county, her upbuilding in material prosperity, her moral and educational advancement, and the social life of her citizens, Squire Becher takes an active and prominent part.

William Becher of this sketch was reared to farm pursuits and received a good education in the district school. When nineteen years of age, he entered Oberlin College, and took a special course of study for five months. The following winter he taught school, and during the summer he prosecuted his studies in Mt. Union College. Then entering the Canton High School, he diligently applied himself to his books for several terms, after which he taught school for twelve winters, and worked on the farm in the intervals.

The marriage of our subject was solemnized October 30, 1862, at which time Miss Eliza J. Hickman became his wife. She was born in Washington County, this State, September 15, 1843, and was only two years of age when brought to this county by her parents. To them has been granted a family of three children: Zua B., now the wife of the Rev. J. H. Sommers, of Bolivar, this State, and Rettie H., at home. The first child, John D., died at the age of six weeks. Both daughters have been given excellent educations and were both students for two years at the well-known Wittenberg College at Springfield.

Daniel and Sarah (Black) Hickman, the parents of Mrs. Becher, on removing to this county located upon land which had been entered from the Government by Grandfather Peter Hickman. The estate, which comprises three hundred and eighty-three acres, was leased until Mrs. Becher's parents took possession of it. Her father met with unusual success in his agricultural pursuits, and his honorable life won for him the confidence of all who knew him. In every position, in every place, his genial, hearty manners and pleasant bearing were magnetic and won for him hosts of friends.

Prior to coming hither, himself and wife were active members of the Presbyterian Church, but later identified themselves with the Lutheran denomination. Mr. Hickman was a stanch Republican in politics, and served as Trustee of Pike Township for many years. He departed this life at the advanced age of eighty-three years, just forty-five years to the day and hour after his arrival in the county, while his good wife, who preceded him to the better land, died in her sixty-ninth year.

After his marriage, our subject resided for two and one-half years on the old home farm on section 4, when he moved to his father-in-law's farm, which estate he carried on in partnership with James and Stewart Hickman, brothers of his wife. Mr. Becher is now, however, operating alone, his farm comprising two hundred and sixty-seven acres of excellent land, the most of which is rich, black, sandy loam, lying along the Big Sandy River. He carries on mixed farming and ranks among the most prominent agriculturists of the county. His residence, which is a commodious frame structure, is beautifully located on an elevation overlooking the fertile valley of the Big Sandy, and is finished and furnished in a manner which indicates its occupants to be people of taste and means.

Mr. and Mrs. Becher are members of the Lutheran Church, in which denomination our subject is Deacon. In his political affiliation, he is a Republican and a strong McKinley Protectionist.

JONAS ESCHLIMAN, a progressive and practical farmer residing on section 30, Lawrence Township, claims Pennsylvania as the State of his nativity. He was born in Lancaster County, Pa., about fifteen miles from the city of Lancaster, November 2, 1834. His father, Abraham Eschliman, was born in the same county in 1800, and after attaining to mature years married Elizabeth Horst, also a native of that county. In 1837, they came with their family to Stark County, Ohio, and located upon the farm which is now the home of our subject. It was unimproved, but he transformed it into a valuable tract of land and made his home thereon until his death in August, 1870. He was one of the leading farmers of the township and a prominent citizen. In politics, he was a Republican, and was a member of the Mennonite Church.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Eschliman were born in Lancaster County, Pa., six sons and four daughters, but the eldest died in infancy. Nancy died in Macon County, Ill. She was twice married and was the mother of six children. Christian lives in Lawrence Township; Elizabeth is the wife of Levi Weaver, of Elkhart County, Ind.; Susan is the wife of John A. Hoover, also of Elkhart County; Abraham resides in Nebraska; David makes his home in Montcalm County, Mich.; John died in Pennsylvania in 1837; Samuel lives in Lawrence Township.

Our subject is the youngest of the family. He came with his parents to the Buckeye State when in his third year, and was here reared and educated. On the 1st of March, 1855, he married Miss Fannie Martin, who was born in York County, Pa., June 26, 1834, and was brought to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1835. Her death occurred November 18, 1861. Four children graced that marriage: Elizabeth A., now the wife of William K. Wyse, of Ford County, Ill.; Jacob M., of Lawrence Township; Nancy I., who died April 13, 1888; and Jonas E., of Lawrence Township, who was only a week old at the time of his mother's death.

Mr. Eschliman was again married, November 26, 1863, this time to Miss Martha Martin, a sister of his first wife. She was born in Wayne County, Ohio, April 11, 1839, and was called to her final rest on the 19th of September, 1891. Nine children were born of the second marriage, but the eldest died in infancy. John H. is living in Lawrence Township; he married Miss Amelia Weaver, of Wayne County, Ohio, and they have two children, Alvin R. and William E. Abram W., Mary I., Amos M., Ezra A., Daniel R., William H. and Martha M. are at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Eschliman located on a farm about a quarter of a mile from his present home. He there spent one year and then located upon the old homestead where he was reared, and where he has reared a family of his own. He has a fine farm of two hundred acres under a high state of cultivation. There is a fine orchard, and the many improvements upon the place indicate the thrift and enterprise of the owner, who throughout life has followed general farming. He also engages in stock-raising to some extent, making a specialty of horses and cattle. His business career has been a successful one, and he now enjoys a well-merited prosperity.

Mr. Eschliman is a strong Republican in politics. For three terms he was elected Trustee, and also served as School Director for many years. He is a member of the Mennonite Church and takes an active part in church work. He is recognized as one of the valued citizens of the community, and his upright life and sterling worth have won him high regard.

JAMES M. CLARK is a most excellent gentleman, whom it is a pleasure to know, and who has many warm personal friends, not only in Massillon, where he resides, but throughout Stark County. He takes a prominent part in all affairs relating to the welfare of his community, and by means of energy, tact and good judgment he has made a success of his business, that of a wholesale fruit dealer, his place of business being located on Exchange Street.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch was born in Oneida County, N. Y., May 12, 1842, and is a son of Thomas Clark, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1812. The latter-named gentleman was reared to farming pursuits in his native country, and when coming to the United States in his nineteenth year located in Oneida County, where he was employed on a farm. He later bought a farm in New York State and there resided until his decease, which occurred in the year 1889. As an agriculturist, he occupied a high place among his brethren, and in religious affairs was a member of the Universalist Church. Politically, he voted the Democratic ticket.

Maria (Brockham) Clark, the mother of our subject, was born in Schenectady, N. Y. Her father participated in the War of 1812. Mrs. Clark died in New York, after having become the mother of eight children, five of whom are living. James M., of this sketch, was reared on his father's farm and obtained a fair education in the schools near his home. He remained under the parental roof until reaching his majority, when he learned the butcher's trade and later owned and operated a market in Waterville, N. Y. He remained thus engaged until 1869, when he disposed of his interests and the following year came West and located at Massillon, where he was given the position of Superintendent of the Excelsior Agricultural Works, owned by E. B. Bayless. After various removals, Mr. Clark entered the employ of Russell & Co., as Superintendent of outside work, remaining with them for three years, and at the expiration of that time became the proprietor of the Fremont House, which he operated for a twelvemonth.

In 1884, our subject started in his present business on North Main Street, which has gradually grown until it is now ranked among the leading enterprises of the city. In 1887, he removed to his large building, which is 80x60 feet in dimensions and three stories in height. He handles all kinds of fruit, which he receives direct from the importers, and in variety and quality can compete with any establishment in Cleveland or larger cities. He also keeps on hand in their season all kinds of oysters, and from this line of business derives a handsome income. Mr. Clark also is largely engaged in the oil business and is one of the prominent and progressive citizens of the place.

The lady who became the wife of our subject in August, 1872, was Miss Ellen Chandler, who was born in this State. Their family of three children includes a son and two daughters, namely:

William, Nellie and Florence. Mrs. Clark is a regular attendant and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Clark is a public-spirited man and takes great pride in fulfilling the obligations of life, both great and small, and is highly esteemed by his business associates. He is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and though by no means an office-seeker, is greatly interested in the welfare of his party.

THOMAS DILLON. One of the most important points in the building of a house or other structure to be inhabited is the plumbing. The least defect in the piping may cause sickness and death, as it has too often done, without the cause being known until too late. Fevers, etc., lurk in defective drainage and sewer connecting pipes, and it is absolutely necessary, therefore, that the work should be done by a competent sanitary plumber. Prominent among those in this line of business in Massillon is Thomas J. Dillon, who is a member of the firm of Knapp & Dillon, who are engaged in plumbing, and gas, steam and hot water fitting.

Mr. Dillon was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 15th of June, 1842, and his father, Capt. George W. Dillon, was born in Guernsey County, this State. The grandfather, Samuel Dillon, was a native of one of the Eastern States, and was a carpenter by trade. He emigrated to the Buckeye State at an early date, made the journey with teams and wagons, and settled in Guernsey County, where he remained for some time. From there he removed to Wheeling, W. Va., where he engaged in carpentering, contracting and building, and was very successful in this enterprise. He served in the War of 1812, and later removed to near Springfield, Ill., where his death occurred. He was of Irish descent and inherited the quick wit and industry of those of his nationality.

The father of our subject, Capt. George W. Dillon, was a ship carpenter by trade, and built a great many boats. Later in life, he became owner and master of a vessel and engaged in the cotton trade on the Red River from Shreveport to New Orleans. This he followed for years, or until he retired, about 1877. He is now residing in Columbus with a daughter, and is eighty years of age. Formerly a Whig, he now advocates the principles of the Republican party. He married Miss Mary Pawson, a native of Yorkshire, England, and the daughter of William Pawson, who followed the occupation of a wheelwright. He settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, at an early date, and there followed his trade until his death in 1861, when seventy-two years of age. The mother of our subject died in Columbus in 1886, when sixty-eight years of age. Three of the five children born to Capt. and Mrs. Dillon grew to mature years and two are now living.

The eldest of these children, Thomas J. Dillon, was born on the banks of the Ohio River and remained there until eleven years of age, when he removed with his parents to Wheeling, W. Va. He attended school in all about fifteen years, and in 1856 he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a plumber and gas and steam fitter in Wheeling, serving for five years. In August, 1861, he enlisted at Wheeling, W. Va., in Company G, and was in a number of skirmishes. Later, he was in the battle of Cedar Mountain, the second battle of Manassas, and Antietam, under McClellan; he afterward had so severe an attack of fever that he was sent to the hospital. Later, he was appointed Assistant Hospital Steward under Dr. Lewis, and was thus engaged for one year. He was honorably discharged at Cumberland, in October, 1864, and came home.

Mr. Dillon engaged as a journeyman at his trade in Wheeling in the fall of 1865, but had the misfortune to sprain his arm and was obliged to abandon his trade. In March, 1867, he went to Ft. Benton, Mont., on the Missouri River, and there remained two years, being mechanical engineer in a quartz mill, and putting up two mills, one on each side of the slope. After recovering, he returned to Wheeling and followed his trade there until 1879, after which he came to Ohio and located in Canton, engaging in trade with a brother there. In 1881, he located in Mas-

sillon and started the large enterprise now operated by Knapp & Dillon, buying out J. F. Hess & Co. This business is located on the corner of North Erie and North Streets, and is the largest concern of the kind in the city.

Mr. Dillon was married in 1874 to Miss Louisa J. Wheeler, a native of Pittsburgh but who was reared in Wheeling. One child is the result of this union. T. T., who is collector in the First National Bank. Mr. Dillon has an adopted child, Margaret M. Davis, who is now clerking in Massillon. Our subject is a Master Mason and is a member of Hart Post No. 134, G. A. R. In religion, he is an Episcopalian and in politics a Republican.

WILLIAM L. MILLER. The labors which have resulted in the present high state of development of the agricultural resources of Stark County have been largely participated in by the gentleman above named, who is one of the prominent farmers and old residents of Plain Township. He takes great interest in the welfare of this section, which fact is accounted for by his having been born here, his natal day being August 22, 1829.

Henry Miller, our subject's father, was born in Pennsylvania in 1791, and was of German descent. In his native State he followed the occupations of mason and shoemaker, prosecuting the former calling during the summer and the latter during the winter season. On coming to this county in a very early day, he located on an unimproved tract of land in Centre Township, his first purchase comprising ten acres of timber land. He set himself industriously to work felling the trees, and erected a log cabin, where he made his home for the following ten years. At the expiration of that time, he disposed of his farm and bought one hundred and eight acres of land in Lake Township, which, like the former tract, was in its primitive condition, and here again he began the work of clearing and placing under cultivation his farm. Wild animals were very plentiful around his forest home, and Mr. Miller, being very fond of hunting, kept his family constantly supplied with choice fresh meats. The marketing in that early day was done principally at Cleveland, and often a load of wheat was exchanged for a barrel of salt and side of sole leather.

The father of our subject partially developed the farm in Lake Township, when he sold it and became the owner of property in Portage County, where he resided until attaining his fifty-eighth year. He was a hard worker and a good manager and placed himself among the most substantial citizens of his township, being highly regarded by friends and associates. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and actively interested in the welfare of the Democratic party.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Elizabeth Freiberger, and she was a native of Pennsylvania. By her union with Mr. Miller she became the mother of fifteen children, twelve of whom grew to mature years. She preceded her husband to the better land, dying when only thirty-eight years of age. The brothers and sisters of our subject were John, Henry, Samuel, Peter, Catherine, Rachel, Mary, Elizabeth, Annie, Susanna and Adam. The father of these children chose for his second wife Miss Julien Essig, and the following-named five children were the result of their union: Joseph, Jacob, Adam, Simon and Harriet.

The original of this sketch was educated in the old log-cabin schoolhouse, whose primitive furnishings have so often been described in this volume. He remained at home until the death of his father, when he began life for himself and worked for one man ten years, a Mr. Jacob H. Bair, which fact speaks well for both employer and employe. The marriage of Mr. Miller was solemnized March 6, 1855, at which time Miss Priscilla Miller, who, like her husband, was also a native of this township, became his wife. Their family comprised eight children, one of whom died in infancy. Those living are Menodous R., Marvy M., Martin C., William M., Mary M., Martha M., Mandena M. and Magneo M. Milton M. is deceased.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Miller lived on rented land for eighteen months, when they

purchased fifty acres of partially improved land in this township, where they made their home for twelve years. Disposing of that tract, he rented for another year, and for the same length of time resided in Cairo. In the year 1869, he purchased his present estate, which comprises seventy-one acres, all of which are under the best methods of improvement, with the exception of eleven acres of timber land. Mr. Miller devotes his attention to mixed farming, and has been more than ordinarily successful in his chosen field of operations.

Our subject and his estimable wife are members in good standing of the German Reformed Church, and exert a wide influence for good in their community. Mr. Miller is a believer in Democratic principles, and takes an intelligent view of the political situation of the day.

JOHN WHITMORE was for many years one of the most practical farmers in Tuscarawas Township. A native of this county, he has aided greatly in the task of making it a rich and prosperous farming region. He was born February 19, 1840, and was the son of John and Martha Whitmore, natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in this county. His mother, who is still residing in the above township, is one of the old and respected citizens of the county, and has been an eye-witness of its marvelous growth and development.

Young Whitmore received the rudiments of his education in the schools of his native place, but gained the greater part of his knowledge by reading and experience. His home life from early boyhood was devoted to agricultural pursuits, and he bore an honorable part in developing the farming interests of his township, and in time improved an excellent estate. His marriage with Miss Elmira R. McIntosh was solemnized May 17, 1867. The lady, who was born in this State September 11, 1850, was the daughter of John and Annie (Bixler) McIntosh, and by their union was born a family of four children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Benjamin F., who was born June 20, 1880, and Cora B., born July 14, 1884. William H. and Charles are deceased.

He whose name introduces this sketch was for his entire life a stanch Republican in politics, and in favor of all things that would in any way elevate society, and contribute to the happiness and well-being of the people. He died at his home April 2, 1885, and the community mourned the loss of one of its most trusted and worthy citizens, while yet he was in middle life, before the infirmities of age had impaired his usefulness. Those who knew him speak highly of his character, and remember him as one who filled all the relations of life in a manly, upright manner. He was a kind husband, a loving father, a friendly neighbor, and many mourned his departure. In him the German Reformed Church found one of its most devoted members. At his death he left an estate comprising eighty eight acres of valuable land, which, under his widow's supervision, is making handsome returns.

John McIntosh, the father of Mrs. Whitmore, was born in this county, August 10, 1825, and was the son of John and Catherine (Donot) McIntosh, natives, respectively, of Scotland and Pennsylvania. The grandfather of Mrs. Whitmore came to Stark County early in the '20s, and located on a farm in the woods of Perry Township, where he died when Mr. McIntosh was a lad in his fourth year. He reared a family of six children, five of whom are still living, viz: Mary, Lydia, John, Hannah and Peter. Elizabeth is deceased.

The father of Mrs. Whitmore was reared to manhood amid the scenes of pioneer life in this county, and remembers the time when wolves and other wild game abounded, and the homes of the scattered populace were in the timber, along the banks of the streams. He received a fair education, and, when attaining his nineteenth year, learned the trade of a plasterer, which he followed for some thirty years. By the death of his father, he was thrown upon his own resources when quite young,

but in the various enterprises which he has followed, has always been successful, and he is today one of the substantial men of Tuscarawas Township.

The lady to whom Mr. McIntosh was married bore the maiden name of Annie Bixler, a daughter of Samuel Bixler, an early settler in Bethlehem Township. To them were granted the following children: Elmira, Frances, Samuel, Sarah A., Amanda, Milton, Cora, Peter and Franklin. After his marriage, Mr. McIntosh made his home for a twelvemonth in Tuscarawas Township, and then, taking up his abode in Bethlehem Township, lived there for a number of years, when he moved to his present farm. He is the possessor of a quarter-section of fine land in this township, which bears all the improvements found upon the place of an enterprising and progressive agriculturist. Politically speaking, he is a sound Democrat, and, in a religious sense, he is equally as sound in the faith of the German Reformed Church, which denomination he has served as Deacon for many years.

ROBERT A. PINN, formerly Junior Vice-commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Ohio, is numbered among the many colored men who did heroic service for the Union during the late war. He was one of the first to offer his services to the Government, but was refused on account of color. Nothing daunted, he went out with the old Nineteenth Ohio Infantry, and in 1862, learning of the movement to organize a company here, returned and joined the Fifth Regiment, and also induced a few of his colored friends to do likewise. He has one of the best war records in the State of Ohio, and is most highly respected wherever known.

In Perry Township, Stark County, Mr. Pinn was born March 1, 1843. His father, a native of Fauquier County, Va., was born in bondage, and lived with his mother's relatives until eighteen years old, when he ran away from home and came to Steubenville, Ohio, and learned the trade of a blacksmith in that place. About 1822, he came to Canton, where he remained until his marriage ten years later. He then purchased a farm in Perry Township, the old homestead now owned by our subject, and gave his attention to agricultural pursuits until his death in the fall of 1874, aged seventy-five years. He was a man of splendid information, particularly in ancient history, and his retentive memory enabled him to store his mind with an abundance of valuable knowledge. In religious preference, he was a Congregationalist, and was very familiar with the Scriptures. Politically, he was a Republican and an Abolitionist.

The mother of our subject, Zilphia Broxon, was born in Mercer County, Pa., of English descent, and her relatives were large land-owners in the Keystone State. She died in Perry Township, leaving ten children, seven of whom grew to mature years. Our subject, who was the sixth in the family, was reared on the home farm, and when eleven years old commenced to learn the trade of a broom manufacturer. In the fall of 1861, as the United States would not then take colored troops, he went out with the Nineteenth Ohio Infantry under the care of Major-Surgeon Hurxthal. He marched South with the regiment, and when the battle commenced at Shiloh, could not resist the impulse, but seized a musket and jumped into the thickest of the fight. Afterward, he participated in several other engagements, where he was conspicuous for bravery. As soon as colored troops were allowed to enter the service, he enlisted, and, as above stated, persuaded some of his friends to do the same.

Mr. Pinn was appointed Sergeant, and later First Sergeant, and in the latter capacity marched from Norfolk, Va., and assisted in breaking up a band of guerrilias that infested the swamps of South Virginia and northern North Carolina. In the spring of 1864, the regiment proceeded to the front of Petersburg and Richmond, where they were constantly on duty. September 29, there occurred the great battles of Chapin's Farm, New Market Heights and Ft. Harrison, and in these three dis-

tinct engagements of that day the regiment with which Sergeant Pinn was connected played a most important part, and the long rows of the dead showed how fatal was that part as well as prominent. When the sun rose on that day, five hundred and fifty men stood in ranks, and when it went down only two hundred and eight were left to answer the roll call, three hundred and forty-two having fallen by the wayside. Of these, nine commissioned officers were wounded, two hundred and forty-eight enlisted men wounded and eighty-five killed.

At the first volley in the morning, the Captain was wounded, and the command fell to Sergeant Pinn, who led the troops through the series of fights that day, although three times wounded himself. The first wound was received in the left thigh; the second wound, which was caused by a shell penetrating the left limb, so disabled him that he could not walk, but he detailed two men to carry him at the head of his company through all the fight. Just before the close of the battle when Ft. Harrison was captured, about five o'clock he received a terrible wound in the right shoulder as he was coming over the hill and, with cap in hand, was shouting words of encouragement to his men. He became unconscious, and the men who had carried him to the front laid him on the field in that state.

Although terribly wounded, our subject refused to be discharged, and as soon as he could travel, rejoined his company, and served until the close of the war. For gallant conduct that day, he was awarded two medals, one from Congress and the other from Gen. Butler. To-day these medals are more to him than the memory of shoulder straps, which would have been awarded him had he been a white man. He was discharged at Carolina City, September 20, 1865, and returned to Stark County.

After his return, Mr. Pinn engaged in teaming and contracting until the spring of 1874, when he sold his business, and went to Oberlin College, pursuing the course of studies there for four years and employing his leisure hours in reading law with Prof. Thomas. He finished his legal studies at Massillon with R. H. Folger, and was admitted to the Bar in 1879, at once beginning the practice of his profession. He is now actively engaged as an attorney, being United States Pension Attorney, and having charge of all the local pension business here.

In addition to the old homestead, Mr. Pinn owns eighty acres in Tuscarawas Township and a residence at No. 96 Akron Street, in Massillon. He married, in 1867, Miss Emily J. Manzilla, who was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, her demise occurring April 25, 1890. Socially, Mr. Pinn is identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a prominent member of Hart Post No. 134, G. A. R., at Massillon, which he has served as Post Commander. In 1888, he was Junior Vice-department-commander of Ohio. He takes deep interest in all Grand Army matters, and attends all the National Encampments. He is a strong Republican, and served his party as delegate to the State convention which nominated William McKinley Governor of Ohio.

SAMUEL BOWMAN. Intelligent, thrifty, wide-awake farmers form the greater part of the population of Stark County, and among these our subject occupies a creditable position. He is one of the prominent farmers of Pike Township, and was born on his present farm, on section 13, February 18, 1827. Jacob Bowman, his father, was born in Northumberland County, Pa., February 22, 1777, and was of German descent. He came to this section as early as 1816, emigrating hither across the mountains in company with five families. The journey was made with teams and wagons and consumed five weeks. Jacob Bowman first located in Canton Township, two miles east of the now prosperous city of Canton, where he lived for two years, and then, coming to Pike Township, entered a quarter-section of land from the Government. He rented property until he could make improvements on his own farm, and

after erecting a log cabin on the place moved into it. Indians and wild animals often proved very troublesome, but as the years passed by and the country became more thickly populated, they gradually disappeared.

The parents of our subject were possessed of that indomitable perseverance that is bound to succeed, and when taking up their abode in the new country they worked hard, the father clearing the land and the mother spinning and weaving cloth, from which she made wearing apparel for the family. Jacob Bowman died at his home, when eighty-two years of age. He was an active and devoted member of the Lutheran Church, and donated the land for the church building, to the erection of which he contributed liberally of his means. He was an old-line Whig in politics, and enjoyed a good reputation in business circles, as a man of honesty and uprightness of character.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Hannah Klinger. She was a native of Pennsylvania and by her union with Mr. Bowman became the mother of the following children: Polly, Sally, Catherine, Lydia, Hannah, John, Henry, Jacob and Samuel. The wife and mother died at the age of eighty-eight years and, like her husband, was also a conscientious member of the Lutheran Church.

The original of this sketch made the best of his advantages for receiving an education and when not busy on the farm attended the district school and conned his lessons on a slab bench, by the light of a greased-paper window. He proved of great assistance in aiding in the development of the farm and remained at home until twenty-two years of age, when he established a fireside of his own and was married to Elizabeth Brothers, the date thereof being February 25, 1849. Of their union have been born four children: Hiram, Mattie, Levi, and Albert, who died at the age of two years. The wife and mother died in 1857, greatly mourned by her numerous friends and acquaintances.

The lady that Mr. Bowman chose as his second wife was Miss Lucinda Van Meter, of Pike Township. She died in 1870, and the present wife of our subject, prior to their marriage, was Mrs. Ann Anderson. Mr. Bowman formerly owned one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land, but has since sold eighty acres to his son and retains the other half for his own use. He carries on mixed farming and makes a specialty of raising fine and coarse wool sheep. The Christian Church, which he has served for many years as Elder, finds in him one of its most substantial and influential members. He affiliates with the Republican party in politics, and is greatly interested in the progress of his community. He has served as Land Appraiser of Pike Township for two terms and during the incumbency of the office gave satisfaction to all concerned.

COLUMBUS T. WALKER, M. D. The physicians of Canton, Ohio, are men who compare favorably with those of any of the older cities of the State in point of learning as well as in skill and ability as practitioners; and to entitle their successors to high rank among their professional brethren of the country at large, it only remains for them to sustain the character which already has been given to the profession of this city. Among the busiest of this class of men, who bore the burdens placed upon them by patrons whose respect and confidence they won by their own efforts, is Dr. Walker, who has been a successful general practitioner. He was born in Frederick City, Md., June 28, 1826, the fourth of nine children born to Dr. John D. and Catherine E. (Wiest) Walker, both of whom were born in Maryland, in which State they grew to maturity and married. In 1829, they removed to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where the father at once began practicing medicine, a calling which he continued with success until his death.

The subject of this sketch was but three years of age when brought to this State, and here he passed a rather uneventful boyhood, but had the inestimable advantage of a free, open-air life, with a sufficient amount of healthful occupation. At the age of eighteen years, he returned to Maryland,

where he spent three years. In 1850, he was married to Miss Mary J. Runyon, of Jefferson County, Ohio, daughter of Louis Runyon, soon after which he settled in Summit County, where he was engaged in general farming, and at the same time practiced medicine and dealt in real estate. In 1863, he removed to Stark County, where he followed the same occupations, was successful and made money rapidly.

Since 1870, he has been a resident of the city of Canton, where he is living a somewhat retired life, in the enjoyment of the large means which he accumulated. He has some valuable relics in his possession, one of which is a compass used by Gen. Washington in surveying lands in Virginia, and which was later used in surveying the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and some articles which once belonged to Henry Clay. He is a pronounced Democrat in politics, and supports the men and measures of that party on all occasions. He always votes intelligently, for he keeps thoroughly posted on all the current topics of the day, and his reasons for his convictions are always clear and well defined.

His career has been a useful and laborious one, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that the property of which he is now possessor has been accumulated through his own shrewd, yet always honorable, business tactics. In the various callings in which he has been engaged, he has displayed an unusual amount of intelligence, and his practical ideas on all subjects are to be admired.

A. F. PORTMANN. Among the successful business men of Massillon, Ohio, who are of foreign birth, stands A. F. Portmann, who is actively engaged in the house-furnishing business and also carries a full line of slate, tin and steel roofing. Mr. Portmann was born in the Canton of Solothurn, Switzerland, on the 16th of January, 1855, and was the fifth in order of birth of ten children, five sons and five daughters, born to Victor and Mary A. (Hug) Portmann, both natives of Switzerland.

The father followed the occupation of an architect and surveyor, and was a college-bred man. In 1869, he braved Neptune's tender mercies and came to America, settling for the first three years in Navarre, Ohio. Later he came to Canton and engaged as a German school teacher for some time. He was a man of an unusually active, bright mind, and was an educator of prominence. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church, and died in that faith in 1873, when fifty-nine years of age. His wife is still living and is a resident of Canton.

Our subject was reared in Switzerland and attended German school until fourteen years of age. In April, 1869, he left Hanover, Germany, on the steamer, "Zalla," with his parents, and landed with them in New York City fourteen days later. For three years he was in Navarre, Ohio, where he attended school during the winter and assisted in a flour mill during the summer. In 1872, he came to Canton and was apprenticed to learn the tinsmith trade with H. Wernet & Bros., with whom he remained for three years. After finishing his apprenticeship, he worked for this firm for five years, and was then with Ball & Portmann as partner, for one year, in the tin-roofing and jobbing business.

In 1879, he came to Massillon, started the house-furnishing business and was also engaged in manufacturing tinware under the firm name of Wernet & Portmann, with headquarters on West Main Street. There they continued for two years, but the increase in business obliged them to seek more commodious quarters, and they located at Nos. 36 and 38 South Erie Street, where they carry on a flourishing business and are meeting with excellent success. In 1885, Mr. Portmann started the slate, tin and steel roofing business, and now superintends the work. In 1891, he bought his partner out, and has since continued the business alone. He has a large double store, two floors, and has recently built a warehouse, 35x18 feet. This is the largest establishment of the kind in the city, and twelve hands are employed during the season.

Mr. Portmann has a comfortable home at No. 61 South Street, and this is presided over by his wife,

who was formerly Miss Louisa Fries, a native of Massillon, Ohio, whom he wedded in 1882. Her father, John Fries, was a native of Germany, and was foreman for Russell & Company for nearly forty years. He is now in Norwalk, Ohio. Mrs. Portmann was reared and educated in her native town and was graduated from the schools here. She afterward taught school here for four years, and in St. Joseph for some time. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Portmann and are named as follows: Frank, Howard and Helen. Mr. Portmann is a charter member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association and is a member of St. Mary's Church. In his political views, he is Democratic.

HENRY BOWMAN. Throughout Stark County this gentleman enjoys an enviable reputation as a reliable citizen and upright man. He is a native of this county, having been born on the farm in Sandy Township where he is at present residing, February 5, 1840. John Bowman, his father, was born in Pennsylvania, and came here with his parents when a lad of seven years. He was educated in the pioneer log schoolhouse with its primitive furnishings, and, being an apt pupil, made the best of his limited advantages, and is to-day a well-read and intelligent gentleman, keeping himself thoroughly informed on events of national and local interest.

John Bowman was reared to manhood in his forest home, and when starting out in life, left home and engaged as fireman on a steamboat plying upon the Ohio River. He was only thus employed a short time, however, when he purchased the farm where he is at present residing, and, moving into the log cabin which he had erected, immediately began the arduous work of clearing and developing this property. He was a hard worker and a good manager, and at his death, which occurred in 1886, he left a valuable farm. With his wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia Whitmer, he was a member of the Lutheran Church. The mother of our subject was a native of Bethlehem Township, this county, and reared a family of eight children, viz.: Sarah, Mary, John, Samuel, Henry, Hannah, Eli and Lydia. Lydia, Mary, John and Samuel are deceased, the latter dying while confined in Libby Prison. Mrs. Bowman was in her seventy-seventh year at the time of her death. Her father, Benjamin Whitmer, was one of the pioneers of the above-named township, his nearest neighbor being four miles distant. He developed a good farm from the wilderness and died at an advanced age, greatly respected by all who knew him.

He of whom we write, like other lads in his neighborhood, conned his lessons in the old-fashioned schoolhouse with its slab benches and rude furnishings. He was thoroughly trained in farm work and remained under the parental roof, assisting his father in performing various kinds of labor, until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he laid aside the implements of peace and enlisted October 12, 1861, in Company K, Fifty-first Ohio Infantry, being mustered in at Camp Meigs. Thence he was sent with his regiment into Kentucky, where they were engaged in skirmishing, after which they went to Nashville, Tenn., and later to the Cumberland Mountains, and from there followed Gen. Bragg through Tennessee and Kentucky to Louisville, where they had several skirmishes. Then still in pursuit of that General with his company, he fought at Perryville, Ky., and later, returning to Nashville, remained there until December 24, 1862, when they were sent to Stone River and fought in that engagement. In that battle, Mr. Bowman was injured by the explosion of a shell. Later, he participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Chattanooga (where the Union forces were surrounded and nearly starved to death) Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge. His regiment then went into winter quarters at Shell Mound, and in the spring of 1864 participated in the following engagements: Resaca, Buzzard's Roost, Burnt Hickory, Pine Top, Atlanta and Jonesboro. Later, going to Athens, Ala., their train was wrecked and Mr. Bowman was violently thrown into a blackberry patch and seriously injured in the back.

On receiving his honorable discharge November 7, 1864, our subject returned home and again resumed his occupation of farmer, at the same time working some at the carpenter's trade. His marriage with Miss Elizabeth Farber occurred December 25, 1868. The lady was born just across the line, in Carroll County, and by her union with Mr. Bowman became the mother of five children: John F., Emma E., Franklin P., Maggie M. and Mary A.

The original of this sketch is the proprietor of a quarter-section of excellent land, which he has cleared, and improved with numerous and substantial buildings, together with all the necessary farm machinery. His large frame house was erected in 1886, and his elegant new barn was built in 1881. Besides raising the cereals, he devotes considerable time to stock-raising and has some fine animals on his place, among which is a good breed of trotting horses.

The United Brethren Church finds in Mr. Bowman an active and influential member, and the township in which he resides justly regards him as one of its best citizens. He is a true-blue Republican in politics and in favor of all elevating measures in his community. By close application to the duties which lie before him, he ranks among the best agriculturists in this section, and is proud of the fact that his possessions are the result of his own persistent industry and good management.

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, the pastor of the Reformed Church of Louisville, Ohio, like many of the excellent citizens of the county, was born in Pennsylvania, his birth occurring in Union Township, Lebanon County, November 29, 1848. His parents, Jacob L. and Harriet (Fake) Leberman, were natives respectively of Bavaria, Germany, and Lebanon County, Pa. The father's birth occurred in 1819, and when about eighteen years of age he came to America to make his fortune. He located in Lebanon County, Pa., and there met and married Miss Fake. He embarked in mercantile pursuits, but later moved to Meadville, Crawford County, Pa., where he made his home for about thirty-two years, or until his death, which occurred December 24, 1891. He was interred at Greendale Cemetery at Meadville, Pa. His wife, who died in 1881, was of German parentage. Of the eight children born to this union, six are still living. The eldest child, David D., was also a minister in the Reformed Church and died at Meadville, Pa. (where he had been pastor of the church for twenty years), on the 31st of December, 1891. He left two sons, Edward O., a physician of Akron, Ohio, and Henry, of St. Louis, Mo. The second child born to Mr. and Mrs. Leberman became Mrs. Leah Lorandi, has three daughters, and resides in Philadelphia. Luther A. resides in Meadville, Pa., and is in the insurance business. He is married and has two daughters and two sons. John J., our subject, comes next. Mrs. Emma Krider resides on a farm near Meadville, Pa., and is the mother of five children. Mrs. Lucinda Ellsworth died near Meadville, Pa., and left three daughters. Henry, who is a grocer in Meadville, has three children; and Mrs. Ellen Reisinger makes her home in Franklin, Venango County, Pa., and has one child.

Rev. John J. Leberman made his home in Lebanon County, Pa., until eleven years of age and secured extra educational advantages. After leaving the public and High Schools, he began the study of languages, Latin, Greek and German, when sixteen years of age, and still later clerked in a store in Meadville. Afterward he was in the railroad office at Meadville and remained there a year. From an early age, he had manifested a desire for the ministry, became a church member at the age of thirteen and when seventeen years of age took a course in Westmoreland College, in Westmoreland County, Pa., where he remained one year. After this, he went to Tiffin, Ohio, entered the Freshman class of the Heidelberg University, at which he was graduated in 1872, and then took the theological course, finishing in 1873. Afterward he accepted a call as pastor in the Reformed Church at Louisville, Ohio, and here he

has administered to the wants of his fellow-man for nineteen years. It is apparent that physically he has been generously endowed by nature, and as a result makes a commanding presence in the pulpit. Such endowments, when combined with the earnest and entreating expression of the eye, and his ringing tones of eloquence as he expounds the truths of the Divine Story, contribute materially to the success which follows every sermon. He also strives to have the congregation see that what he says is not a labored production, studied for oratorical effect, but that each word springs from the sincere heart, and that he feels with all an enthusiast's power the truth and passion of the Holy Law.

Mr. Leberman was married in Meadville, Pa., on the 11th of June, 1873, to Miss Lizzie Lutz, a native of Meadville, born June 1, 1851, and the daughter of Andrew J. and Elizabeth (Dahl) Lutz, both natives of Germany, but early settlers of Meadville, where they were married. This union has been blessed by the birth of eight children, seven of whom are still living and all born in Louisville, Ohio. Agnes Clara, born February 25, 1874, was confirmed at the age of fourteen, and was graduated at Louisville High School when eighteen years of age; Cora Louisa, born August 19, 1875, was confirmed at the age of fourteen; John Kendig, born March 18, 1877, was confirmed at the age of fourteen; May E., born May 22, 1879, died November 17, 1881; Evaline Ida, born May 28, 1882; Olivia Florence, May 29, 1884; Esther M., October 2, 1889, and Eunice Pauline, August 11, 1891.

Mr. Leberman's church had about ninety members when he came here, and he has seen it grow until it now numbers three hundred and forty members. It is out of debt and owns a good parsonage. In the spring of 1893, the society expects to build a $15,000 church. Our subject has also had charge of the church at Paris for thirteen years, and organized one at Robertsville in 1875 with a membership of twenty-three, leaving it with one hundred and sixty, and a good church and parsonage. The one at Paris has also developed in every way and now has a membership of two hundred and seventy-five and a nice new church. During his ministrations, there have been one thousand and seven additions to the church by confirmation, baptism and letter. He has baptized eight hundred and ten and has officiated at two hundred and forty-seven marriages, and preached three hundred and sixty-one funeral sermons. He writes for the *Christian World*, at Dayton, Ohio, and the *Missionary Guardian*, at Philadelphia. He is the author of a treatise on baptism, published in 1886. It has gone through the first edition and is coming out in a second. The title of D. D. was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater at Tiffin, Ohio, and he has also the degrees of A. B. and A. M. He has been a member of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University for the past ten years and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin. He has also been Treasurer of the Board of Missions for fifteen years and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions of the General Synod. In politics, he was reared a Democrat but is now independent.

CONRAD SCHWEITZER, Treasurer of the People's Savings Bank, Canton, Ohio. A city can have no more beneficial institution than a well-regulated savings bank, for they exert a great influence for good in the promotion of thrift and in inducing those of small means to lay aside a provision for the future, which serves for a time of need, and frequently lays the foundation of a substantial fortune. Among the institutions of that character organized and in operation in Canton, is the People's Savings Bank, which is deservedly distinguished as one of the most successful and popular, the wisdom of its management and the safety of its investments commending it to the confidence of the people.

Mr. Schweitzer was born in the city in which he now resides, July 8, 1853, a son of Conrad and Nanette (Kurt) Schweitzer, who were born, reared, educated and married in Switzerland. In 1849, they crossed the stormy ocean to America, and

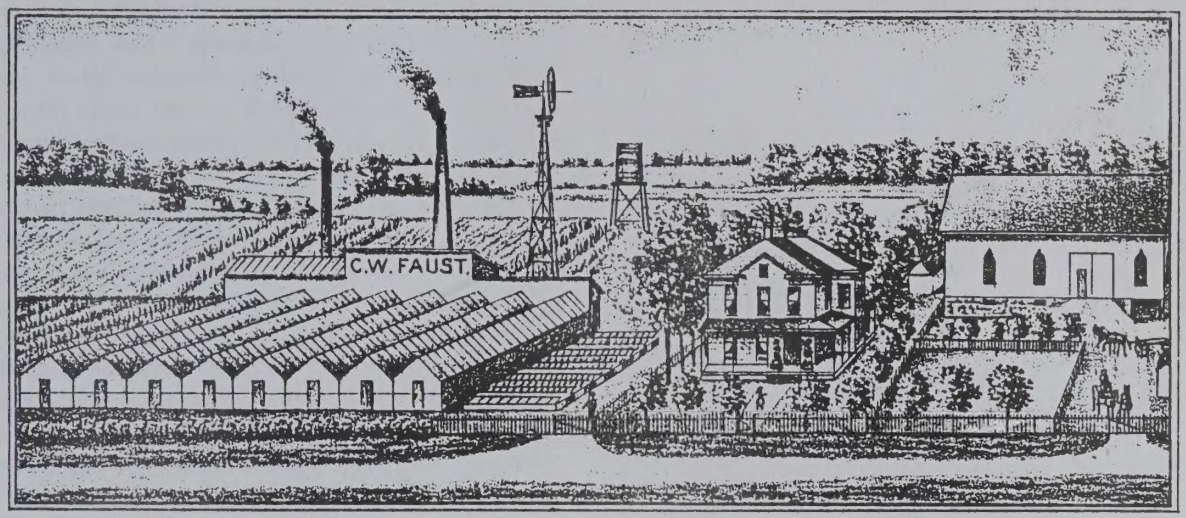
on landing at New York City, they turned their faces in the direction of Canton, Ohio, and after reaching this place at once embarked in the hardware business, which proved a success financially. The father afterward sold his goods to remove to the city of New York, where he became a successful hardware merchant and resided until his death, which occurred in 1873. After the estate had been settled, the widow, with her children, returned to Canton, in 1878, and here their home has since continued to be.

Conrad Schweitzer was the third of four children, the eldest son born to his parents, and his early days were spent in Canton and New York City, in the public schools of which places he acquired sufficient education to fit him for a practical business life. This, however, did not satisfy his thirst for knowledge, and he later entered Park Institute on Long Island, where he pursued his studies for two years. At the end of this time, he returned to New York and entered the office of his father, whose able assistant he continued to be until death intervened and he was left fatherless. After settling up the estate, he returned to Canton in 1878, soon after which he entered the office of C. Aultman & Company, and remained with this company for eight years. He next became Treasurer of the Gibbs, Ball Plow Company, holding his connection with this house for two years; later, he became connected with the Democrat Publishing Company, was for a time editor and business manager of the *News-Democrat* and Stark County *Democrat*, and is now one of the leading stockholders in the company. In connection with others, he helped to organize the People's Savings Bank, and was made its Secretary and Treasurer. He is recognized as one of the reputable business men of the city, and while he has been eminently successful from a personal standpoint, his views are broad, so broad that every just and commendable enterprise having in view the material and moral interests of the city and State meets with all the encouragement, financial and otherwise, it is in his power to grant.

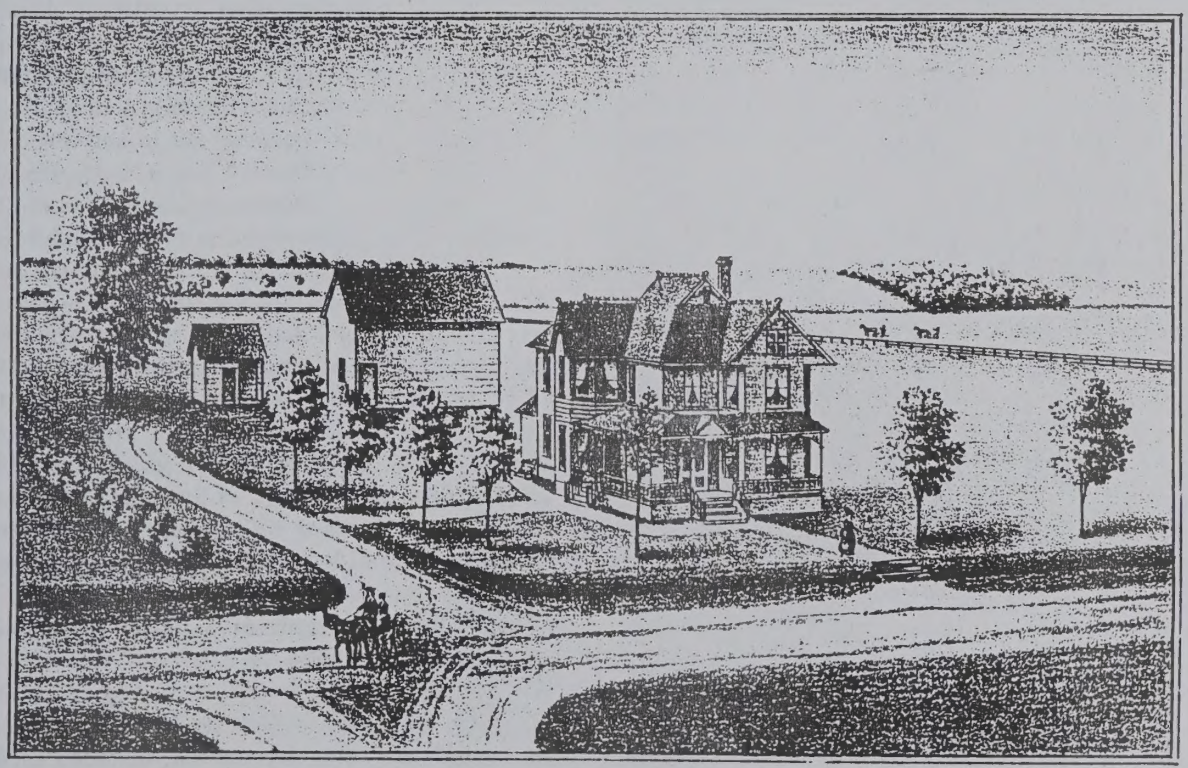
Mr. Schweitzer was one of the Directors of the City Water Works, and a member of the Board of Equalization, is one of the City Park Commissioners, and was Chairman of the Democratic County Committee for two years. In 1886, his marriage to Helen Cook, a daughter of George Cook, a pioneer manufacturer of this place, who was for many years connected with C. Aultman & Company, was celebrated. To them three interesting children have been born. They have a handsome residence surrounded by beautiful grounds at No. 37 Myers Avenue.

LEWIS J. WISE. Time has dealt kindly with this gentleman and his wife and enabled them to lay aside the labors they bore in former years, and settle down to the enjoyment of the physical comfort and social pleasures their adequate means and good tastes make possible and agreeable. After years of industrious and well-directed efforts, they are now living in retirement on a portion of their old farm in Canton Township. They have an extended acquaintance, and have long been known as among the best representatives of the agricultural class in the township. The estate, which is a very valuable one, is under the direct supervision of their son, Newton E., who is in every way capable of its management.

Our subject, who is one of the oldest and wealthiest residents of Stark County, is a native of this county, having been born here March 26, 1827, and is the son of Adam Wise, who was born in Washington County, Pa. The grandfather of our subject, who was a farmer in the above-named State, lived there, and died at a good old age. Adam Wise, who also followed agricultural pursuits, came to this State about 1800, and with his family located in the northeastern part of Plain Township, this county. There he purchased a quarter-section of land, which he developed, and later erected a gristmill on Nimishillen Creek, and was one of the first to engage in that line of work in the county. He was very successful in business affairs and was also the owner of a card-



RESIDENCE & GREENHOUSES OF C. W. FAUST, SEC. 11., CANTON TP., STARK CO., O.



RES. OF L. J. WISE, SEC. 17., CANTON TP., STARK CO., O.

ing factory and a sawmill. In connection with these varied interests, he conducted a dry-goods store for many years. He was one of those whose financial success makes them but the more anxious to aid in public enterprises, and whose gratitude for their personal success is shown in their interest in the general welfare. As a man of honor, he enjoyed the confidence of the community in a high degree. He was strictly a man of business, and died at his home in Canton, where he was living retired from active life, at the age of sixty-six years. In his successful career as a business man, he showed himself to be energetic, industrious, shrewd and far-seeing, using his influence not only to advance his material prosperity, but to elevate the social and moral status of his community.

The lady whom Adam Wise married was Miss Phœbe Stockton, a native of Pennsylvania. By their union were born nine children: Aaron S., Hiram R., Rebecca, Mary A., Lewis J., Elizabeth A., Hannah J., Loretta S. and Phœbe. The mother, who was one of the members of the Presbyterian Church, died in her fifty-fifth year. The father of our subject was prominently connected with the Baptist Church in religious affairs, and, politically, cast his vote with the Republican party.

Our subject received his education in the district schools kept in the old log schoolhouse, and it has been his constant aim since arriving at years of discretion to keep up with the times in his knowledge of current events and topics of general interest. Being reared to farm pursuits, when ready to start out in life on his own account, young Wise purchased his present farm, on which he has made all the substantial improvements.

In 1849, he of whom we write and Miss Susan Gans were united in marriage. The lady, who was a native of this county, bore her husband three children, of whom Oliver and Susan are still living, and died in 1853. The lady whom Mr. Wise chose as his second wife was Miss Susan Fisher, their marriage being celebrated in 1858. To them was granted a family of eight children, of whom the following seven are living: Ellen, William, Newton, Edwin, Emma, Bertha and Homer.

Our subject was actively engaged in farming until 1888, when through strict attention to business and by hard and unremitting labor, he acquired a handsome fortune, and is now living retired in the handsome frame residence which he erected on a corner of his farm in 1890. His estate is one of the most desirable in point of improvement and cultivation to be found in this portion of the State, and is devoted to raising grain and dairying. As before stated, it is under the direct management of one of his sons, who has been trained by his worthy father to follow in his footsteps, and is now one of the promising and enterprising young men of the county, who is bound to make his mark in the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Wise are devoted members of the Baptist Church, with which denomination they have been connected for many years. Originally a Republican in politics, our subject feels that he has had sufficient cause to change his sentiments and is now a stanch worker in the ranks of the Prohibition party. In the midst of his various business engagements he has found time to take the part usual to a public-spirited citizen in enterprises that work for the general good. He has served for many years as a member of the School Board, and in his younger days took a great interest in local affairs. His farm comprises one hundred and sixty-six acres, in addition to which he has platted fifty-four lots in the city of Canton. He keeps on his place from twenty-five to thirty milch cows, from which branch of industry is reaped a handsome profit. His superior financial ability has given him a position among the most substantial men of the county and his straightforward conduct has won the esteem and confidence of all.

CORNELIUS W. FAUST. During the early days of the settlement of the United States, but little attention was devoted to the cultivation of the beautiful in nature and art. Our sturdy forefathers were principally engaged in combats with savage foes and the no less savage

beasts of the forest, and amid countless obstacles, broke the virgin soil, planted the first seed and gathered the first crops into their small granaries. With the passing years came the introduction of an increasing amount of that which makes life a pleasure, and in no direction is this more noticeable than in the cultivation of fruits and flowers.

Probably the most extensive florist and plant grower in Eastern Ohio is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, and whose greenhouses are located on the Georgetown Road, one-half mile east of Canton. Here may be found every variety of cut flowers, as well as vegetables and all kinds of fruits. The passing stranger invariably pauses to notice and admire the place, and a single glance convinces him that the proprietor is a man of thrift and refined tastes.

Mr. Faust was born upon the homestead which he now occupies, February 10, 1854, and is the son of Cornelius and Martha E. (Stock) Faust, natives, respectively, of Ohio and Pennsylvania. The grandfather of our subject, Benjamin Faust, was born in the Keystone State and was a pioneer of Stark County, where he died on his farm near Canton. He was the founder of the German Reformed Church at Canton, and the first minister of that denomination in the place. He was a man of great industry and at his death left a comfortable property, entirely free from encumbrance.

The eldest son of Benjamin Faust was Cornelius, who was reared to manhood in Stark County. A tiller of the soil from his boyhood, he has always applied himself diligently to his farming pursuits, and has preferred the seclusion of his home to the excitement of political life, hence has never aspired to official honors. Of his seven children, our subject is the eldest surviving son. His youth was passed in a comparatively uneventful manner on his father's farm, and while attending school he experimented in his present business. He is one of the pioneer growers in small fruits in this section of country, and has been in the business for twenty-six years.

During the last twelve years, Mr. Faust has expended about $8,000 in improvements, and his place of business is modern and well equipped. The gardens include twenty acres of land, and an independent water system is practiced, and controlled by a wind-mill. Henceforth Mr. Faust's entire attention will be given to the cultivation of flowers, and landscape gardening in all its phases. A man of energy, ambition and perseverance, it is not strange that Mr. Faust has met with success in his undertakings and has made of his business a science. Aside from his private affairs, he maintains a deep interest in the welfare of Canton, and is ready to promote its interests by any means in his power. He is a stanch Republican and a member of the Republican Executive Committee. In his social connections, he is identified with the Order of American Mechanics. His pleasant home is presided over by his wife, formerly Henrietta Niesz, daughter of William Niesz. The one sorrow of their otherwise happy wedded life was the death of their only son, William, who passed away at the age of seven months and two days.

REV. CHRISTIAN CHRISTIANSEN, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Church, Massillon, Ohio, is another of the many prominent citizens of the county who claim Germany as their native country, his birth occurring near Bredtstedt, Schleswig-Holstein, on the 1st of January, 1862. His father, Peter Christiansen, and his grandfather, Peter Christiansen, Sr., were also natives of the same vicinity. The latter was at one time a successful farmer, but met with reverses, so that his son Peter at an early age was obliged to work hard to assist the family. Peter Christiansen, Jr., was married in his native country to Miss Anna M. Kruse, also a native of Germany, and after the birth of their five children, or in 1869, he and family crossed the ocean to America. This was early in the spring, and on the 2d of February of that year, they came to Genoa, Ottawa County, Ohio, where they remained the balance of the winter. From there they removed to Wood County, where Mr. Christiansen was employed as a lumberman. In addition he also

carried on farming, and later located on twenty acres of land, where he made his home until he resided with our subject. He is still living and is seventy-one years of age. His wife was over seventy years of age at the time of her death. Five children were born to this worthy couple, four of whom reached mature years, and three are now living, as follows: Mathias J., who resides in Oak Harbor, Ohio, engaged in farming; Henry, engaged in farming in Wood County; Matilda, who died when seven years of age; John F., who died when twenty-three years of age; and our subject.

The original of this notice remained in his native country until seven years of age, and from the age of five until then he attended the schools there. After reaching this country, he attended the English schools, off and on, until nine years of age, when he was set to work. Although he worked hard during the day time, the evening generally found him poring over his lessons, arithmetic especially. When fourteen years of age, he attended the public schools during the winter for a short time, and the fourth winter was allowed to attend Bowling Green High School, where he remained until the fall of 1881. He then entered the college at Elmhurst, Ill., in the Sophomore class, and was graduated at that institution in 1884. A desire to enter the ministry then took possession of him, and he attended the German Evangelical Theological Seminary, near St. Louis Mo., and was graduated in 1887. He was ordained the same year at Elyria, Ohio, and in 1887 was called to Loudonville, Ohio, where he labored for three years and eight months.

On the 14th of April, 1891, he came to Massillon as pastor of St. John's, the oldest German society here, having been established for over fifty years, and is now conducting a successful pastorate in this town. Personally, Mr. Christiansen has a frank, pleasing countenance, and a personal magnetism that draws his congregation to him. His delivery is careful and finished, and there is a real depth of thought in the sermons which he preaches. Mr. Christiansen was married in Monroe County, Ohio, at Switzer, on the 26th of March, 1890, to Miss Charlotte Zesiger, a native of that place, where she was reared and educated. She is a lady possessed of more than the average intelligence, and excelled in music and penmanship, and was an expert dress-maker. One child has blessed this union, Martha E. Since his residence in Massillon, Mr. Christiansen has reorganized the Ladies' Society and also started a Young People's Society. He also started English services, preaching in both German and English, and started an English department in the Sunday-school. In politics, he is a Democrat. While at college, he was President of the Literary Society for one year and helped to organize it.

JACOB A. MEESE is a farmer whose tract of land is located on section 34 and comprises eighty acres, and although this farm is small, it is well tilled and yields a good annual income. Mr. Meese was born in Washington Township, Stark County, on the 23d of July, 1835, to Daniel and Sarah (Aultman) Meese, the former of whom was born and reared in Columbiana County, was married in Canton, and located in Washington Township, of this county, where he became the owner of a fertile farm, on which he lived for a number of years. His father, Christian Meese, was a native of Pennsylvania, but came to Ohio, where he carried on farming, to which occupation he reared his sons. After residing for about twenty years in Nimishillen Township, Daniel Meese removed to Louisville, where he was called from life. He is buried in the Salem Cemetery, in Washington Township, where his wife is also sleeping her last sleep, her death having occurred in 1865.

Jacob A. Meese was the second of nine children born to his parents, six of whom grew to maturity, and four of whom are living. Two reside in Coldwater, Mich., and two in Stark County, Ohio. Mr. Meese's father was a self-made man, but received very meagre educational advantages in his youth, but he improved himself in later years to a great extent by self-application. Although a Democrat

in early life, he afterward became a Republican, and took an active interest in politics, but was in no sense of the word an office-seeker, although he held a number of minor township offices. He was an earnest Christian, and was a member in good standing of the Evangelical Church.

While under the parental roof, Jacob A. Meese was drilled well in the duties pertaining to farming, nor was his education neglected, for he was given the advantages of the common schools, and, unlike many boys, improved his time while there. He began to do for himself at the age of twenty-four years, having given his father the benefit of his services until that time, and on the 22d of July, 1858, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza J. Hawkins, of Washington Township, but who first saw the light of day in Columbiana County, March 27, 1841, of which section her father, William Hawkins, was also a native, although her mother, Eliza Hawkins, was born in Pennsylvania. The latter died in April, 1841, but her husband still survives her and is a resident of Columbiana County. Mrs. Meese was the youngest of their three children, and is the only one now living.

After his marriage, Mr. Meese was given a tract of land by his father, comprising fifty-two acres in Washington Township, and on this farm he tilled the soil until 1872, when he made an additional purchase of twenty acres, all of which he sold at a later period to purchase his father's farm of one hundred acres. He now has a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres, which is well improved by excellent farm buildings and many fruit and ornamental trees. He has tiled his farm and it is now considered one of the most beautiful and valuable farms in his section of Stark County. Everything about his place is in perfect harmony, and each nook and cranny of fields, fences and buildings is well-kept, neat and attractive, speaking well for the good judgment of the owner, as well as for his artistic taste.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Meese: Walter, born in Washington Township March 29, 1860, was married October 20, 1881, to Miss Julia Vernier, of Nimishillen Township, by whom he has one child, Harvey, born in February, 1884; Sarah, born in Washington Township, October 31, 1861, was married to Elmer Frederick, September 15, 1881, and has three children, Myrtle, Harry and Clarence; Nora, born May 24, 1864, was married to John Shaffer, February 8, 1883, and has one child, Emmet, born in July, 1884; Oliver born September 30, 1866, died September 7, 1879; Catherine, born May 22, 1870, married Peter A. Chenot, December 25, 1888, and is the mother of one child, Pearl, born July 22, 1891; John, born November 16, 1872, and William R., born August 18, 1879, who are now at home.

Mr. Meese is a Republican of the stanchest kind, and his first vote was cast for John C. Fremont, the "Pathfinder." He has never been an office-seeker, and much prefers the quiet life of a farmer to the contention and bustle of political life. He quietly "pursues the even tenor of his way," and this is indicated by the admirable condition in which his farm is at all times kept. He and his amiable wife are members of the Evangelical Church at Good Hope, in which he has been Class-leader and exhorter.

The father of our subject was engaged in making spinning-wheels, and the mother operated one for a few years.

JOSEPH K. RUSSELL, Vice-president and Superintendent of the lumber department of Russell & Co., of Massillon, was born at Alstead, Cheshire County, N. H., June 26, 1823. The family of which he is a member is of Scotch-English descent, and was represented in America at an early day. The grandfather of our subject, likewise known as Joseph, was born January 5, 1745, in Weston, Mass., and was a merchant, hotel-keeper and farmer at Weston, fourteen miles from Boston. Late in life, he removed to New Hampshire, where he died at an advanced age.

The father of our subject, Cyrus Russell, was born in Weston, Middlesex County, Mass., December 17, 1784, whence in 1820 he removed to New

Hampshire and purchased a farm in Alstead, Cheshire County. This he improved and operated until 1829, when he removed to Sutton, Caledonia County, Vt. He continued farming on that place until he retired from active labor, and went to live with a daughter at Thompson, Conn., where he died at the age of eighty-eight years. In politics, he was first a Whig, and later a Republican, and while a resident of Massachusetts served as a soldier in the War of 1812.

The mother of our subject was Louisa, daughter of Isaac Stratton, an agriculturist of Lincoln, Mass., where she was born. Her death occurred at the age of eighty-four. The family consisted of eight sons and three daughters, and at this writing (1892), six survive. Joseph K., the seventh in order of birth, was a lad of six years when he accompanied his parents to Vermont, the journey being made with team and wagon. The family settled in a primitive log cabin. The lad was early set to work, and was accustomed to swing the scythe and sickle in the harvest fields, and bind the crops, little thinking that he would some future day be the manufacturer of reapers, etc., to save that labor. During two months of each year, he was allowed to attend the district school, held in log houses furnished with slab benches for seats.

In 1842, Mr. Russell came to Massillon, where he was apprenticed to C. M. Russell & Co. The firm had only recently organized as contractors, builders and manufacturers, and with them he remained for three years, when, on account of ill-health, he returned to his native county. At Harrisville, that county, he entered his father-in-law's woolen mills, learning the trade step by step, until he became overseer of the weaving department, and while there, worked on one of the first power-looms ever operated in New England.

Returning to Massillon in 1863, Mr. Russell purchased an interest in the N. S. & C. Russell Manufacturing Works, on January 1 of the following year, at which time the firm changed to Russell & Co. This prominent manufactory was established January 1, 1842, and is, therefore, the oldest agricultural implement house in Stark County. At the date above mentioned, Charles M., Nahum S. and Clement Russell, three brothers, formed a partnership under the firm name of C. M. Russell & Co. The capital was limited, but their fund of perseverance and good judgment was unlimited, hence success was won. C. M. Russell had examined the Pitt's Thresher, of Buffalo, and believing he could improve upon it, set about the task, and was so successful in his endeavor that his improved machine vanquished the original at the Ohio State Fair in 1845. Thus encouraged, the new firm pushed ahead with fair progress, and continued to improve their "Massillon Thresher," until it distanced all its competitors.

The firm was prominent in the building of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad in 1851, as they needed an outlet with quick and cheap freight for their products. C. M. Russell was one of the first Directors, and served in that capacity until his death in 1860. After his decease, the style of the firm changed to N. S. & C. Russell, and in 1864, Joseph K., Thomas H., and George L., brothers, purchased interests, and the firm was then changed to Russell & Co., which is the present title. In 1865, W. K. Miller and Thomas H. Williams were admitted to the firm, the former gentleman being the patentee of the "Peerless" mower and reaper, which were manufactured by his firm until 1871, when it was sold to C. Russell & Co., of Canton, and its production transferred to that city.

During 1868, Mr. Williams retired from the company, and three years afterward, Allen A. Russell, the younger brother, was added to the firm, also A. R. Rawson, a nephew. Mr. Rawson died in 1875, and his interest reverted to J. W. McClymonds. January 1, 1878, Clement Russell, one of the founders, withdrew from the firm, after thirty-six years of active connection therewith. Prior to 1865, the shops were located on Erie Street, between Tremont and South, but the business having outgrown the accommodations, the firm purchased twenty acres south of the railroad, and erected the main structures of the present substantial plant.

May 17, 1878, fire destroyed all the iron-working machinery. The entire south wing and one-half of the Erie Street front were in ruins, while the

entire stock of patterns, valued at $75,000, and as much more valuable machinery, were completely destroyed. The amount of insurance realized was $50,000. The firm at once rebuilt and now have commodious quarters for their constantly increasing business. In the fall of 1878, Russell & Co. were incorporated under the State laws, with a capital stock of $1,000,000.

The firm has branch offices at Milwaukee, Council Bluffs, St. Paul, Dallas, Atlanta, Indianapolis, Portland, Lexington, and other places. The leading product was formerly the "Massillon Thresher." The "New Massillon Thresher" is to-day the most successful thresher in America, its success having been beyond precedent. Its superiority lies not only in its adaptability to all kinds of grain and seed, but in the quality and quantity of work performed. The firm also make a specialty of their portable farm engine, with traction attachment. They were the first of the large manufacturers to introduce steam threshing, an indication of the enterprising and progressive spirit of this establishment. Their engines are built of the best material and have proved a success.

The manufactures of Russell & Co. find a ready market all over the United States, and have been introduced into Germany, Russia, South America, Australia, New Zealand, and other foreign countries. The officers of the company are: J. W. McClymonds, President and Treasurer; Joseph K. Russell, Vice-president and Superintendent of the Lumber Department; C. M. Russell, Secretary. Under the supervision of the heads of the various departments, a force numbering seven hundred in the busy season is employed. In addition to what has been above mentioned, the firm makes a specialty of automatic engines of the finest grade, and also runs the electric light plant.

In 1883, Mr. Russell built his beautiful residence on the corner of Main and Third Streets, where he still resides. His first marriage took place in Harrisville, N. H., and united him with Lucretia J., daughter of Milan Harris, one of the pioneer woolen manufacturers of New England. They became the parents of five children, namely: Vinet S.; Charles M., Secretary of Russell & Co.; Mary E., Louisa J., and Jessie L., who are at home. Mr. Russell was a second time married, in 1876, this time to Mrs. Lydia H. Harris, who was born in Nelson, N. H., the daughter of Oliver Heald. She died in February, 1888. In December, 1890, he was married to Mrs. Harriet W. Ballard, daughter of Dr. Perkins Wallace, of Canton, Ohio.

JACOB B. WENDLING, formerly one of the enterprising farmers of Stark County, had a pleasantly located farm on section 13, Tuscarawas Township. Beginning with a small amount of land, by a steady and honorable course in life, he came into the possession of a good estate, comprising one hundred and seventy-nine acres of land. The situation of this tract was not the only reason for its value, but the manner in which it was improved and the use to which it was put added greatly to its worth.

Our subject was the son of Adam and Christina (Held) Wendling, and was born in this county, December 24, 1833. His parents, who were natives of Germany, emigrated to the New World in 1833, and coming immediately to this county were classed among its well-to-do citizens and old settlers. Jacob B. of this sketch obtained his first schooling in his native township, and to the instruction there received he added a fund of information acquired by reading and contact with mankind. When old enough to start out in life on his own responsibility, he learned the trade of a saddler and harness-maker, and when mastering that line of work went into business for himself at Massillon, where he was successfully engaged until 1864. At the end of that time, he disposed of his interests in that city and located upon a farm.

The lady who presides with ability over the late home of our subject became his wife February 3, 1863, prior to which time she was known as Miss Margaret Brechbill. She was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., April 10, 1827, and is the daughter of John and Nancy (Brinker) Brechbill, who were also born in the Keystone State. She

made her advent into this county in company with her brother Jacob, and here met and married our subject. By their union were born three children: Nancy J., Mrs. S. V. Roush; Mary C. and Jacob J. In his political preferences, Mr. Wendling was a Republican, and a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church, which he served as Elder for many years.

Socially, he of whom we write was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. His death occurred December 24, 1887, and in him the county lost one of her progressive and enterprising citizens. He was a thrifty and wide-awake agriculturist, and had a good knowledge of his calling, which placed him among the well-to-do citizens of his native township, whose interests he materially advanced while prosecuting his vocation.

JOHN B. SHILLING. The most conspicuous figure in the southwestern part of Stark County is the above-named gentleman, who is always to be found giving his countenance and support to that which pertains to the improvement of this section and the advancement of its people. So straightforward has been his life, so honorable his dealings with all, and so marked his interest in, and energetic his work for, the best that life affords, that even his enemies have nothing to say against him. Besides tilling the soil, he is engaged in stock-raising, and keeps on his place animals of the best breeds.

A native of this county, our subject was born, January 23, 1837, to John and Barbara (Bughman) Shilling, the father being a native of Pennsylvania and of Dutch descent, while the mother, who also was born in the Keystone State, is of German ancestry. John Shilling, the father of our subject, came with his family in 1819 to this county, and took up his abode in a log cabin on an uncultivated tract of land in Tuscarawas Township. He passed through all the hardships to which early settlers were subjected, and there continued his labors with a satisfactory degree of success until his decease, September 3, 1876. He kept himself well informed regarding local affairs, and showed a genuine interest in the progress of the section, and was likewise well posted on topics of current events.

The parental family, which included seven children, now numbers only three, who are named respectively: Abraham; Eliza, Mrs. Benjamin Krider; and John B. Our subject received a limited education in the district schools, and has indeed been the architect of his own fortunes, and the comforts which he now enjoys and the advantages he has been able to bestow upon his children have been gained by hard work and good management. He has always followed farming pursuits, and at the present time has one of the best farms in the township. In whatever walk in life he is found, he shows the qualities of true manhood, and has done what he could to elevate the status of the community, mentally, morally and spiritually.

The lady to whom Mr. Shilling was married November 13, 1862, was Miss Melissa, daughter of Joseph Hassler, and to them has been born a family of nine children, viz: Charles, Wilbert C., William C., Arthur D., Edith, Daisy, Albert, Glendora and Anna M. He of whom we write owns eighty acres of land, which his energy has placed under excellent cultivation and from which he reaps a handsome income. In exercising the right of suffrage, he stanchly supports the candidates of the Democratic party, as did also his father before him. He has served as School Director of his district, has been Constable and has held the office of Trustee of Tuscarawas Township for two years. His good wife, with whom he has lived for thirty years, is a member of the Reformed Church, and is highly esteemed for her personal character.

Joseph Hassler, the father of Mrs. Shilling, was born July 16, 1816, in Franklin County, Pa., and was the son of Joseph and Mary (Stump) Hassler. In 1839, he emigrated from his native State to Ohio, making the trip overland on horseback in seven days. He was married on the 25th of April of that year to Miss Charlotte Poorman, who was

also a native of Franklin County, Pa., her natal day being May 12, 1821. She was the daughter of Peter and Mary (Richard) Poorman, and was brought by her parents, when about six years of age, to this country. Her father located with the family in Tuscarawas Township, making their home for a number of years in a rude log cabin.

The parental family of Mrs. Shilling included twelve children, of whom eleven are living, namely: Mary, Mrs. Charles Tinkler; Mrs. Shilling; John; Hadessa, Mrs. Dallas Oberlin; Lucinda, the wife of William Lebers; Anson, who is pastor of a Presbyterian Church in New York; Allie, Mrs. Calvin McDowell; Ida, the wife of the Rev. Silas Mase; Lottie, Mrs. Albert Oberlin; Emma, Mrs. Ira Oberlin; and Cora, Mrs. Harry Hollinger. Eliza is deceased. Mr. Hassler occupied a high position in local affairs, and served as School Director for some time. He was one of the pillars in the Reformed German Church, and departed this life March 24, 1875. He was one of the representative pioneers of the township, and as such enjoyed the respect and confidence of many acquaintances, particularly of those who shared with him the primitive labors of years past.

GEORGE S. BROWN. Among those who are gaining a good maintenance by tilling the soil in Stark County is Mr. Brown, whose location is in Perry Township. He has there a farm of seventy-eight and one-half acres, upon which he has erected a good dwelling, barns and other structures, and, in fact, has made the property what it is to-day, a comfortable home and the source of a good income. Mr. Brown is engaged in general farming, and in carrying on his work he displays good judgment, being sufficiently progressive to experiment somewhat in modern theories and to abandon the old rut when new ideas are shown to be advisable, but not allowing his desire for advancement to carry him away.

Like many of the best residents of this section, our subject is a native of Stark County, having been born in Perry Township, May 27, 1840. His parents, Solomon and Elizabeth (Hines) Brown, were born in Pennsylvania, whence they emigrated to this county in 1825, making their first location in Canton Township. In the '30s they made their advent into this township, and located on an unimproved tract of land on section 25, where they endured all the hardships incident to opening up a new country. The land which the father purchased did not have a furrow turned on it, but with characteristic energy he began clearing it, and his sturdy blows soon felled the timber and let in the sunlight upon acre after acre, while after the harvest season rolled around, abundant crops were garnered as the result of his industry.

The following five children are the surviving members of the parental family of seven: Sarah, Maria (Mrs. A. Spohnhaer), Harriet, Rebecca, and George S. The father of these children died August 9, 1891, and in his death Stark County lost one of its respected citizens. In his political relations, Solomon Brown was in early life a Whig, but on the organization of the Republican party, joined its ranks. His good wife, who aided him greatly in attaining a good position among his fellow-men, preceded him to the better land, dying in 1865.

George S. Brown of this sketch was reared amid the pioneer scenes of his native county, and has a clear recollection of the primitive modes of living and of the appearance of the wild, sparsely settled country before it had been developed to its present condition. He attended the pioneer schools of his township as soon as old enough to be of service, and aided his father in carrying on the home farm. His wife, prior to her marriage, was Miss Elvira Spangler, and the date of their union was February 25, 1862. Mrs. Brown was the daughter of John and Sarah Spangler, of Massillon, and of their union were born five children, viz.: Lincoln, Edwin H., Nettie, Henry J. and George.

In his political relations, Mr. Brown votes for Republican candidates, and for a number of years has served as a member of the School Board. With his wife, he is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Canton. As a man of intelligence, he keeps himself informed regarding matters that

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pertain to the welfare of mankind, the growth of the Nation, and the interest of the community of which he forms a part. He is respected as a good citizen and neighbor, an honorable man and a first-class farmer.

DAVID LEVERS, SR. Among the farmers of Stark County few have shown greater enterprise than David Levers, who is pleasantly located on section 11, Tuscarawas Township. Here he has one hundred acres of land, all under cultivation and brought to its present condition by his own efforts, as he has not only made the more noticeable improvements, but did much of the clearing and fencing. He has a well-built residence, substantial barn and every necessary arrangement for carrying on his work in a first-class manner. The acquisition of this property is a standing monument to the industry and good judgment of a man who began his work in the world without means, and who has now accumulated a comfortable competence.

Mr. Levers is a native of the Keystone State, having been born in Lancaster County, January 29, 1817, to William and Elizabeth (Light) Levers, also natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Switzerland. David of this sketch was taken by his parents on their removal to Franklin County, the same State, when four or five years old, and there he was educated in the district schools near his home. Being trained to farm pursuits, he naturally chose farming for his vocation in life, and upon migrating to Stark County in 1838 he worked for one season as a farm hand.

September 28, 1838, Mr. Levers married Miss Mary Kaylor, who was born in Franklin County, Pa., and of the family of children born to them the following survive: Mary A., Mrs. O. B. Culler, whose sketch appears on another page in this book; Tean, Mrs. William Speck; William; Rosa B., the wife of James Stansbury; Lodema, Mrs. Henry Shafer; David, John; Ida, the widow of Luther Brain; and Ada, Mrs. J. O. Oberlin. For some time after coming hither, our subject farmed as a renter, but being industrious and economical, he saved a sum sufficient to purchase his present property, upon which he has made improvements which place it in the front rank among the farms in the township.

The lady who had been the companion and helpmate of Mr. Levers for many years, and to whom he owes in a large measure his present assured position in the community, departed this life at her home, October 10, 1885. She was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, and was active in all good works in her neighborhood. Our subject holds membership in the German Reformed Church. In politics, he is an earnest supporter of the Prohibition party, and in him the temperance cause finds a stanch advocate, one who has aided greatly in its furtherance in this section. He has served as School Director and has done all in his power not only to promote the cause of education, but to advance other interests in his adopted township.

JOHN W. CAMERON. There are few branches of industrial art toward the development of which such increasing efforts have been for several years past directed as that which has for its immediate object the artistic decoration of our homes and general surroundings. Among the most talented and deservedly successful of the many painters doing business in Massillon, a prominent position must be assigned to Mr. John W. Cameron, whose establishment is located at the corner of the alley between Main and Plum Streets. He was born in Massillon, August 18, 1852, and here he has passed the principal part of his life. He was one of five children born to William and Caroline (Edwards) Cameron, both natives of the Buckeye State, the father being

born in Massillon and the mother in Dalton. Grandfather Cameron was a native of Scotland, and at an early date came to Pennsylvania, where he was married. At a very early date, he removed to Ohio, settled in Massillon, and erected a house on the West Side. Here he passed the remainder of his days engaged in his trade, that of a carpenter. Our subject's maternal grandparents were Eastern people.

William Cameron, father of our subject, was a painter by trade and was foreman for Russell & Co. for many years, but afterward engaged in the business alone. During the late unpleasantness between the North and South, he first enlisted for three months, but the quota was filled before he could get out. In May, 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio National Guards, Company A, and served until mustered out in September, 1864, as Sergeant. After this, he returned and worked as foreman in Russell & Co.'s shop. On the 14th of April, 1865, while celebrating Lee's surrender and during a sham battle, he was accidentally killed. Mr. Cameron was only thirty-eight or nine years of age at that time. His wife is still living and resides in the city of Massillon. All their children are living.

The immediate subject of this sketch began working at the painter's trade at the age of ten years and followed this for two seasons, or until the death of his father, when he entered the employ of Russell & Co. He was in the paint shop of this company, off and on, until 1873, and when older did the stripping of the machines. Later, he took charge of the stripping department at the Excelsior Agricultural Works, and was thus engaged for four years, or until the fall of 1877, when he was employed by Ogden in his furniture and undertaking rooms. In 1884, he commenced business here with Russell & Co., and in 1887, he branched out for himself as contracting sign and house painter. He makes a specialty of sign work and is one of the finest house painters in the city. He employs from seven to eight men and does a very large contracting business.

Mr. Cameron has a comfortable and pleasant home at No. 167 Clay Street, and this is presided over by his estimable wife, who was formerly Miss Isabelle Rinder, a native of Massillon, Ohio, whom he married in 1876. Seven children have blessed this union, as follows: William, Maude, Charles, Blain L. and Chester C; Harry and Sadie May, who are deceased. Mr. Cameron is a member of the City Council from the Third Ward, and has served as Chairman of the committees on Streets and Alleys, Paving and Grading, Printing, and the Fire Department, and was on the Sewer Committee and on the Prison and Police Committee. During 1886, he was Assessor of the Third Ward. Socially, he is a member of Perry Lodge No 87, K. of P.; Past Chancellor and Captain of the Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias, and he is a member of Samuel Beatty Council No. 15, A. O. U. W., and a member of Massillon Protective Home Circle No. 31. He is Past Commander of the Sons of Veterans, and was a charter member of the same. In politics, he is a strong advocate of the platform of the Republican party, and has been a delegate to county conventions. He served eight years in the Hose Company of the Fire Department, and was a charter member of the Independent Hose Company, of which he was Assistant Foreman.

LEVI I. SMITH. The life of a farmer may be devoid of stirring events, but it is not the less a field in which to exercise good business ability, fine judgment and sterling traits of personal character. The man who can gain a large tract of land in the well-settled sections of our country must necessarily possess qualifications equal to those displayed by a business man in our towns, although differing in kind. The gentleman above named has been prospered in his efforts in life and owns a considerable amount of land in Canton Township. On section 18 he has erected a large brick residence, which is conveniently arranged and handsomely furnished. The dwelling is accompanied by adequate and substantial outbuildings, and the land surrounding it has been

brought to a good position as regards its cultivation and productiveness.

The natal day of our subject was January 19, 1837, and his birthplace section 8, of this township. He is a son of Samuel Smith, who was born on the same farm in 1811. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Stump, was also a native of this county, her birth occurring in Perry Township, July 9, 1809. Grandfather Frederick Stump was of German descent, and a native of Lancaster County, Pa. His good wife, who prior to her marriage was a Miss Schmidt, was also of German parentage. In 1809, the grandfather came to Perry Township, this county, where he entered a tract of land, which he cleared and placed under excellent cultivation. He was very successful, and at one time owned a large estate, of great value, but being unfortunate in some of his investments, lost the entire amount.

Samuel Smith received his first schooling in the old-fashioned log house with its slab floor and seats, and a writing-desk made by laying boards on pins driven into the wall. This rude structure was later replaced by a frame schoolhouse, which was a decided improvement on the first temple of learning. When attaining mature years, he was engaged in merchandising in connection with his brother-in-law, Daniel Stump, in what is now the city of Rochester, and with the exception of two years thus spent, he was always engaged in farming pursuits. He enjoyed the respect of his fellowmen as one who had demonstrated his ability in worldly affairs, and whose personal character was worthy of commendation. He left a good estate at his death, which occurred in 1869. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church, and was in every way worthy of the consideration in which he was held. In his political views, he was a decided Democrat. His wife, who departed this life in 1890, had attained to the advanced age of eighty-one years.

He of whom we write was reared to a practical knowledge of farm life, and aided his father greatly in clearing up and cultivating the farm, which was entirely unimproved when it came into his possession. His early educational privileges were limited to the district school, but the system of affairs in his native State ensured the good practical foundation which must always be obtained outside the schoolroom. When nineteen years of age, young Smith attended school in Canton, where he received a good knowledge of books. He has always been an extensive reader, and among the periodicals found in his library will be seen many newspapers, he taking eleven, from which he gleans many points of interest to the scientific farmer.

Although reared to farm pursuits, Levi Smith, when twenty-five years of age, learned the trade of a stone-mason, which he followed until 1872, and then engaged in what has since been his life occupation. In the above year, he bought the interest of the other heirs in the old home farm, which includes one hundred and fifty-eight acres, and which, under his management, makes handsome returns. His activity, keen foresight, tenacity of purpose, and skill in carrying out his plans, have made our subject successful in life, and in no small degree have contributed to the material prosperity of Canton Township, and likewise of Stark County. He gives his chief attention to the raising of corn and wheat, and is numbered among the most prominent farmers of this section. In his career will be found a lesson of encouragement to poor boys, exhibiting, as it does, the result which may be obtained by steadfast industry and integrity. Mr. Smith is a very methodical farmer and keeps a complete set of books, which show the yearly expenses of his estate to be $700.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Mary A. Foltz was solemnized in November, 1862. Mrs. Smith is a native of Perry Township, this county, and a daughter of Samuel and Catharine Foltz. To them has been born a family of eight children, viz: Frances Emma, Mrs. David Harmon; Margaret E., Mrs. D. E. Hollibaugh; Trilly, the wife of Logan Doll; Jesse J., Samuel C., Ephraim, David, and Rosella. They have all been given good educations, and have been trained by their excellent parents to fill useful and honorable stations in life.

Although not in any sense a politician, Mr. Smith is active in local affairs and, with the progressive element of Canton Township, is doing all that he can to elevate its social and moral status,

and to contribute to its general welfare. He has been called upon to serve as a member of the School Board, with which body he has been actively connected since 1874.

JOHN T. WEYBRECHT, a self-made man of Alliance, is the senior member of the firm of Weybrecht & Son, proprietors of planing-mills and lumber yards in this city. He was born in France, January 27, 1829, and is the eldest son in a family of three sons and five daughters, who were born unto Pheobold and Anna M. (Prickard) Weybrecht, natives of France. His father was a contractor and builder in the Old Country. Both parents are now deceased.

Our subject was reared in the land of his nativity and acquired a good education in the French tongue. He learned his trade with his father, and in 1853 sailed for America, landing in New York on the 10th of December. He then went to Pennsylvania and worked at carpentering in Lycoming County for about four months. In April, 1854, he started for Ft. Wayne, Ind., but an accident delayed the train at Alliance, and this apparently trivial matter changed the whole course of Mr. Weybrecht's life. He here met with a German-speaking gentleman and by him was induced to remain in Stark County. For three months he worked out by the day, and then started in business for himself as a contractor and builder, receiving a great many contracts. In 1886, he built a small planing-mill, which in the course of time, on account of the rapid growth of Alliance, was found to be in the very heart of the city. His trade had also greatly increased with the growth of the town, and in order to enlarge his facilities, Mr. Weybrecht removed to his present location and erected his extensive mills. He manufactures all kinds of lumber used in building, and has done an excellent business. He now employs many workmen and is aided in the management of the business by his sons, who have been admitted to partnership, and have relieved the senior member from much of the care and business responsibility. The plant covers about two acres of ground, and the works are supplied with the most improved machinery for the rapid and efficient execution of every description of planing-mill work and all job work in connection.

In 1855, Mr. Weybrecht wedded Maggie Honecker, and unto them have been born three sons and three daughters. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' society, and of the Knights of Honor, and has proved a valuable citizen to Alliance. He has taken an active and intelligent interest in public affairs, and has aided greatly in the upbuilding of the city. He came to this country without capital, but by perseverance and economy has become proprietor of one of the leading industries of Alliance, has made a competency by his indefatigable industry, and can now enjoy the fruits of his labor.

WALLACE H. PHELPS, editor of the Alliance *Daily and Weekly Review*, was born in Atwater, Portage County, Ohio, August 10, 1853. His boyhood days were spent in a somewhat uneventful manner on a farm, and when seventeen, he entered the office of the *Monitor* at Alliance, having decided to learn the trade of a printer. His quickness and skill soon won for him the confidence of his employers, and in 1872, two years after entering the office, he was made foreman, a position which he filled with the utmost fidelity to his superiors.

Starting out for himself in 1875, Mr. Phelps commenced the publication of the Alliance *Weekly Leader*, which for a number of years was conspicuous as a well-edited and ably-managed journal. In 1887, he established the *Daily Leader*, which was the first daily newspaper published at Alliance, and filling a long-felt want, its able editor experienced a most successful ride upon the wave of prosperity. The credit for the flattering reception with which

the paper met in the community was principally due to the skillful management and guidance of Mr. Phelps. It was not long before the paper was recognized as one of the leading and most enterprising inland dailies of Ohio, and was a welcome guest in the homes of thousands of subscribers.

January 1, 1892, the *Daily Leader* was consolidated with the *Daily Review*, and Mr. Phelps was chosen editor of the combined publications. The printing office is located in a large building on the main thoroughfare of Alliance. The first, second and third floors of the establishment are used as composing and press rooms, and both are commodious and conveniently arranged. Upon the first floor is also a well-stocked wholesale and retail stationery and book-store. Connected with the office is a well-fitted and finely-equipped job department, which is supplied with all modern machinery necessary for turning out the best grade of commercial, book and general job printing.

As stated above, Mr. Phelps embarked in business for himself in 1875, and although less than twenty years have since elapsed, his efforts have already been crowned by the highest success, a just tribute to his merits. A man of broad knowledge and an extended range of information, he is amply qualified to conduct one of the great newspapers of the State, and his position among the leading journalists is one of prominence and influence. He is actively identified with the Knights of Pythias, and ranks high in the social circles of Alliance.

ROBERT M. WILHELM. Stark County contains no more highly respected resident than the gentleman above named, the seat of whose agricultural work is on section 10, Sugar Creek Township. His home farm consists of one hundred and forty-five acres of choice land, and he gives his attention to general farming, thriving in proportion to his zeal and perseverance. A tasty farmhouse, substantial barn and other buildings and the usual garden and orchard tracts meet the eye of a visitor, and the orderly arrangement and neatness everywhere noted are significant of the character of the owner of the farm.

David and Susan (Dilman) Wilhelm, the parents of our subject, were natives of Dauphin County, Pa. They emigrated to this county in an early day, locating in that portion which is now included within the limits of Summit County, where our subject was born, June 27, 1824. Finally, they took up their abode in Sugar Creek Township, a short distance south of Wilmot. The father had been twice married and his children who survive are Abraham; Robert M.; Susan, Mrs. Isaac Konage; Nancy, the wife of Jacob Shook; David, and Lucinda, Mrs. Jacob Buxler. The elder Mr. Wilhelm died in 1867, well known and highly respected in his township and deservedly loved by all who knew him.

The subject of this sketch was reared to man's estate in his native county and was carefully trained by his worthy parents in all that goes to make an honest man and a good citizen, and in the district school received a good education. His marriage was celebrated May 10, 1845, at which time Miss Elizabeth Wyandt, a native of this county, became his wife. Mrs. Wilhelm was born December 10, 1826, to Henry and Elizabeth (Warner) Wyandt, pioneers of Sugar Creek Township, By her union with our subject she has become the mother of eleven children, of whom the seven living are: George W.; Emma, Mrs. Asbury Holm; James; Mary, the wife of Adolph Hay; Nora, Mrs. G. T. Warstler; Edward B.; and Prof. John S., a teacher in the Fostoria (Ohio) Academy.

Mr. Wilhelm, as the result of an industrious and useful life, has a well-improved farm and is regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of the township. He has held the office of Trustee of Sugar Creek Township and in school affairs has served for many years as a Director. In politics, he is a stanch Republican, and his manly character, gentlemanly bearing and enterprising nature commend him to the people, and he is one whose influence is felt throughout the community.

When seventeen years of age, our subject began to learn the cabinet-maker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He found this to be

a very paying business and continued to follow his trade, in connection with operating his farm, for a number of years. He has also been engaged in selling agricultural implements, and in all matters pertaining to the good of his county, its upbuilding and material prosperity, he takes an active interest, and as a private citizen his life is irreproachable.

JOHN PONTIUS. The Pontius family is one closely connected with the pioneer history of Stark County, and none of those who have aided in bringing this region to its present material elevation and advanced civilization are better worthy of representation in a volume of this nature than its members. The gentleman whose name introduces these paragraphs is a native of the county, having been born in Plain Township, August 29, 1827, and is now enjoying the fruits of a life spent in usefulness and well-doing.

The subject of this biographical review was reared to man's estate on section 28, Plain Township, and attended the pioneer schools taught in log cabins. In its furniture, the room was as primitive as in the method of instruction employed; on one side was a fire in a rude fireplace, and the furniture consisted mainly of slab benches with wooden pins for legs. There were no windows, but in the aperture caused by the removal of a log was placed a greased paper to serve instead of a glass.

Young Pontius was orphaned by the death of his father when a lad of five years, and when thirteen years of age worked out by the month, and as his services became more valuable received $8 per month. Being the eldest of the family, the greater weight of responsibility rested upon him, and in working out in this manner he armed himself with the wherewithal to defray the growing expenses. After four years employed in working for other parties, our subject farmed the land belonging to his grandfather, and continued to thus operate until 1850, when, his grandfather having died two years previous, he purchased one hundred and two acres of the estate that fall, and prepared to establish a home of his own. In April of the following year, Mr. Pontius established a home of his own by his marriage with Miss Mary Hoover, who was born in Franklin County, Pa., September 22, 1825. Mrs. Pontius came to this section with her parents, Henry and Margaret Hoover, in the year 1827, and with them made her home on section 9, Plain Township, until the year 1865, when they removed to New Berlin, and there passed the remainder of their days.

To our subject and his estimable wife has been born a family of four children: Jacob H.; Lewis M.; Mary E., who married William H. Martin; and Thomas J. Mr. Pontius took possession of a valuable estate in Plain Township in the spring of 1851, when the only improvement it bore was a few acres cleared and a tumble-down log cabin and barn. By dint of perseverance he has made the estate what it is to-day, and in placing it in its present condition was ably assisted by his devoted wife, whose good judgment and prudence in household management were highly appreciated. Her character was such as to win the respect of all who knew her, and for her share of the work incidental to the Ohio pioneers she is gratefully remembered. She entered into rest September 30, 1891, mourned by many friends, whose heartfelt sympathy was bestowed upon her afflicted family.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Pontius sold his farm to his son-in-law. In 1855, he erected a large frame house on the place, which he later remodeled and furnished in a manner which showed him to be possessed of ample means. He added to his acreage at different times until his property included one hundred and forty-two acres of excellent land, which he devoted to mixed farming. As before stated, this he sold to his son-in-law, William H. Martin, with whom he makes his home. He has bought and sold, in all, over five hundred acres of land in this township during the last fifteen years, and through his instrumentality the thriving village of Middlemarch was platted. He has made the handling of real estate his chief occupation

for the past twenty years, and in this branch of business has manifested admirable judgment and, as a result, is now one of the wealthy and influential citizens of the county. He is practically a self-made man, as he has acquired all his property by hard work, seconded by foresight and shrewd and careful dealing. He has shown much skill and enterprise in his business affairs and is prudent and cautious in his dealings, though at the same time he is wide-awake in all his transactions, which are always fair and above-board.

Mr. Pontius is a very devoted member of the Lutheran Church, to which body his wife belonged for a number of years. In his political affiliations, he is a Democrat and has taken an active part in local affairs, serving in the capacity of Land Appraiser on two different occasions. To such men as our subject, Ohio owes her present standing among her sister States. His excellent citizenship, his interest in all which will tend to promote the material prosperity and, above all, the moral and intellectual welfare of society, make him a valued member of the community in which he wields a decided influence.

JOSEPH DICK, proprietor of Dick's Agricultural Works, and manufacturer of Dick's famous patent hay, straw, stock and ensilage cutters and carriers, has his office and works on Sixth Avenue, Canton, Ohio, his telephone call being No. 11. The history of this house has been so intimately connected with the trade of Canton since its inception in 1874, that no record of the industries of the community would be complete that did not take special cognizance of this representative establishment. For eighteen years, this gentleman has, by his upright dealing and honorable business methods, kept before the public and sustained himself as a manufacturer of high repute. Although commencing business in a small and modest way, he embarked on a prosperous sea, with the wind and tide in his favor, and now occupies beautiful and commodious quarters, his main building being a three-story frame structure, 40x180 feet, with two wings, 40x60 and 40x80 feet, and each two stories in size. He employs about seventy men during the busy season, some of whom have been with him for sixteen years, and before putting his work on the market it is thoroughly tested and tried. With the best selected material, finest finish and best skilled workmanship, his goods hold high rank, as they deserve. He uses steam power in his establishment and his machinery is of the latest improved "Lee" description. His sales are made direct to jobbers, and he thus secures a very safe patronage.

Mr. Dick was born in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, May 28, 1840, to Joseph and Mary (Messmer) Dick, the former of whom was born in France and the latter in Germany. Mr. Dick, upon landing at Castle Garden, N. Y., almost immediately turned his footsteps West, locating in Cleveland, Ohio, where he followed his trade, that of a blacksmith. In 1837, he settled in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio. About 1880, he moved to Canton, where he and his wife died, at the age of seventy-eight and seventy-two years, respectively. The senior Joseph Dik was a man of progressive views in regard to the conduct of his affairs and he was also quite active in local politics and ably filled a number of township offices. He was a member of the Catholic Church, and in this faith he reared his family of six children.

The subject of this sketch was the eldest son of his parents' house, and his youthful days were spent in assisting his father on the farm and acquiring such education as the common schools afforded. Upon attaining his majority, he came to Canton, and for some two years thereafter he was engaged in making models and patterns, after which he was employed in the Ball Reaper Works at Canton in the capacity of a machinist. Upon the completion of his trade, he visited many of the towns and cities of the State in the capacity of a journeyman, after which he returned to Canton, which city has since been the scene of his labors, and here he is held in high repute as a man of business.

In the year 1866, he was married to Miss Ros-

anna McKittrick, daughter of Thomas McKittrick, of Rochester, N. Y., a Scotchman by descent. Mr. and Mrs. Dick are the parents of six children: Emma, at home; William, foreman in the mechanical department of his father's works; Charlie F., a student at Dayton College; Frank I., Agnes, and Laura. Mr. Dick is a member of the School Board, a Director of the Board of Trade, Vice-president of the Canton Home Savings and Loan Co., and has been interested in other worthy organizations. Progressive, enterprising and liberal, he has been largely instrumental in promoting the general welfare and industrial thrift of the city of Canton and is in every way worthy the high place he holds in public esteem. He and his family are members of the St. John's Catholic Church.

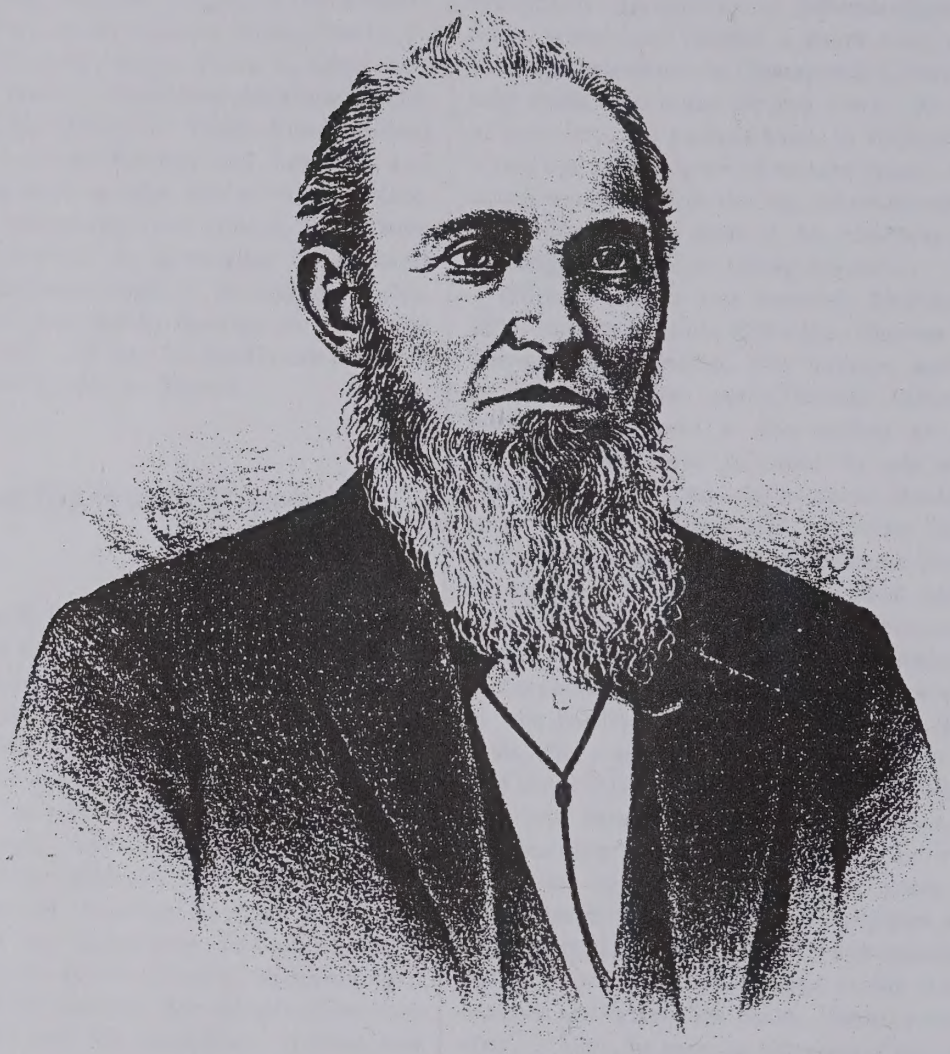
WILLIAM MOFFITT. It is universally conceded that our happiness and well-being as individuals depend necessarily to a large extent upon our own efforts, upon our own self-culture, self-discipline and self-denial, and, above all, upon that honest and conscientious performance of individual duty which is the true strength of manly character. Notwithstanding the limited advantages afforded him in his youth, Mr. Moffitt has become the owner of a fine farm pleasantly located in Tuscarawas Township, and is ranked among the well-to-do and enterprising agriculturists of Stark County. The schools of his boyhood were few and his attendance in these was irregular, but he gradually acquired the best of an education—that which a man gives himself while engaged in the ordinary pursuits of life.

A native of Washington County, Pa., our subject was born March 12, 1815, and is the son of Peter and Mary Moffitt, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father, who was of English origin, emigrated to America in an early day and served as a soldier in the War of 1812. His wife accompanied her parents on their removal to this country when ten years of age, and after her marriage with Mr. Moffitt resided in Pittsburgh a short time and then went to Washington County. When our subject was ten years of age, he was brought by his parents to Jefferson County, this State, where they resided a short time, and then took up their abode in Tuscarawas County, where they made their home for two years. At the end of that time, the parents went to Wayne County, where our subject grew to mature years. His education was limited to the log schoolhouses of that early day, and the most of his time was spent in assisting his father in tilling the soil.

William Moffitt was married November 19, 1839, to Miss Lucinda Eldredge, who was born in Tuscarawas Township, this county, and is the daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth Eldredge, her father having come to this section as early as 1811, whither he was followed by his wife four years later. By their union three children were born to our subject and his wife: Elizabeth J., now the widow of James Fletcher; Mary, who is deceased; and Nathan E. The son was a soldier in the late Civil War and participated in the battle of Vicksburg, and was with Sherman on his memorable march to the sea. He was later wounded in the battle of Arkansas Post and returned home after a service of one year.

When twelve years of age, he of whom we write was thrown upon his own resources and began learning the shoemaker's trade, at which he served an apprenticeship of three years. Later, he followed the life of a journeyman and was also the proprietor of a shop, which he conducted for six years, and then engaged in the mercantile business at Dalton, this State. Seven years thereafter, in 1843, he came to this county and took up his abode on what is now his present farm, where he has resided since that time. His property includes one hundred and sixty-five acres, which he developed from the primeval wilderness. He has had an extensive pioneer experience in this county, with the progress of which he has been closely identified, and to give the history of the county is only to state in general terms his own early discouragements and his later progress and fulfillment of hopes.

Always in favor of those measures which will



Jacob M. Truby

benefit the community, Mr. Moffitt has served as Trustee of his township, and in his political affiliations he votes with the Republican party, having cast his first vote for Henry Clay. With his wife, he is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having been connected with that body for sixty years, during which time he has held many of the official positions.

Nathan E. Moffitt, the son of our subject, was born in this county, October 14, 1843, and has always made his home here, with the exception of five years spent in the mercantile business in Dalton. In October, 1863, he joined Company I, Seventy-sixth Ohio Infantry, and with his regiment was mustered into Sherman's army. On returning from the field of battle, he was married, August 3, 1865, to Miss Celia O. Moxhimer. Like his father, he also votes for Republican candidates, and has been engaged as a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for some time. He has also served as President of the Stark County Agricultural Society, of which organization he was Director for four years. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and wherever he goes his many noble attributes of character are recognized and valued, and also the spirit of philanthrophy which governs all his actions and wins for him friends among not only the rich, but the poor and unfortunate.

JACOB M. TRUBEY. This name is quickly recognized throughout Stark County, as it is borne by a gentleman who has held the office of County Commissioner, and whose standing in the community is most excellent. He is a prominent and wealthy agriculturist of Sugar Creek Township, having a valuable estate, which, under careful handling, produces most abundantly. An elegant farmhouse, ample barns and outbuildings rear their walls at convenient points, and an orchard, garden and shade trees beautify the scene.

Our subject is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Franklin County, May 7, 1820, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Welty) Trubey, who were also natives of that county. Representatives of the Trubey family emigrated to this country from Hesse-Cassel, Germany, during the Revolutionary War, and the great-grandfather served as a patriot in that struggle. Jacob Trubey, the father of our subject, emigrated from his native State to this county in 1823, taking up his abode on the farm now owned by our subject in Sugar Creek Township. The land was partially cleared at the time it came into his possession, and a hewed-log house was on the place, into which the family moved and in which they resided until a more substantial structure could be erected. The father only lived about twelve years after his advent into this county, and at his death left a wife and three children, viz.: Jacob M., Samuel J. and Nancy, the latter two of whom are deceased.

The elder Mr. Trubey was a very prominent man in his township, and had so long been numbered among its leading citizens, that the news of his death came as a personal calamity to many acquaintances, and caused a profound feeling of regret. His business relations had been such as to demonstrate the activity of his mind and the honesty of his purpose, while his disposition was so kindly and generous, that he could scarcely be known without being loved. He occupied the position of Justice of the Peace, and in other ways had considerable to do with municipal affairs, and while serving as Justice solemnized the marriage contract of fifty-two parties. He had served as administrator for ten estates, ranging in amount from five to sixty thousand dollars, and in most cases he was executor. He closed up the affairs of two extensive dry-goods stores, also, in a manner perfectly satisfactory to all the interested parties.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch was a lad of fifteen years when his father died, and being the eldest of the family the responsibility of carrying on a farm devolved upon him. He was reared on the home farm and assisted his father in doing all kinds of work that the pioneers of that time engaged in. His education was conducted in the common schools of his boyhood

days, which did not offer as good facilities for acquiring learning as those of the present day, but he made the most of his advantages, and by reading and close observation has made up for his early deficiencies in that line.

Mr. Trubey, of this sketch, was married December 12, 1844, at which time Miss Eliza, daughter of Nicholas D. and Mary A. Swan, became his wife. To them was born a family of seven children, four of whom are living, namely: Nathan, who makes his home in Arkansas; Harmon, who resides in La Grange County, Ind.; Esdras B., at present living in Minneapolis, Minn., and Freeman, who also lives in La Grange County, Ind. Mrs. Trubey possessed that culture of mind and kindness of heart which won for her the esteem of the entire community, and at her death, which occurred June 14, 1858, she was greatly mourned.

The lady whom our subject chose as his second wife, December 12, 1858, was Elizabeth Pherson, who was born in this county, February 24, 1833, and is the daughter of Theopolius and Eliza Pherson, who were early settlers in Sugar Creek Township. Of the eight children born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Trubey, five survive, who bear the respective names of Ellsworth J., Jennie E. (Mrs. Samuel Muskopf), Asa H., Ira T. and Alva P.

Our subject is one of the most thrifty and progressive citizens of the county, and as farming has been his life work, he is thoroughly informed regarding the peculiar qualities of soils, the best methods of fertilizing, and the rotation of crops which will produce the most desirable results. Having prospered in life, he is able to surround his family with all the comforts and luxuries which money can buy, and bestows upon his children excellent educational advantages. He is the proprietor of seven hundred acres of land, the greater portion of which is located in La Grange County, Ind., and upon his estates will be found the various improvements which may be expected of a man of progressive ideas. Politically, he belongs to the Republican party, and is greatly interested in politics, keeping well informed regarding the issues of the day and the bearing of public events upon the nation. For three years he held the office of County Commissioner, and has done not a little for the upbuilding and advancement of the section, and has given his support to those enterprises which are calculated to promote the general welfare, and is honored and esteemed alike by young and old, rich and poor. He has also held the office of Trustee in Sugar Creek Township. For eighteen years he was Justice of the Peace, and has been serving for twenty years as Notary Public. The home which Mr. and Mrs. Trubey occupy is a beautiful and commodious structure, where they entertain some of the best people throughout the county, and, surrounded by children and friends, they are journeying down the hill of time, enjoying the fruits of industry and well-doing.

MARTIN SCHAFER. The gentleman who is at the present time responsible for the public funds of Perry Township has held that position since the year of 1876, and is widely and favorably known. No man is justly entitled to a more enviable place in the history of Stark County's prominent men than Mr. Schafer, who has been usefully and honorably identified with the county, and with its advancement in every worthy particular. He was born in Massillon, this county, on the 17th of November, 1838, and his parents, Martin and Arnstine Wilhelmena (Held) Schafer, were born near Bingen on the Rhine, Bavaria, Germany, the father's birth occurring in 1793.

The elder Mr. Schafer was reared in his native country and learned the tailor's trade. He was there married to Miss Held. He served six years in the German cavalry. About 1833, he took passage for America with his wife and three children, and after landing on this side of the Atlantic, he came immediately to Massillon, Ohio, where he worked at his trade until 1848. He then moved to Loudonville, Ashland County, Ohio, and there carried on a grocery store until his death, in 1857. He was a prominent man and was one of

the organizers of the St. John's Evangelical Church, of Massillon, and was active in all church work.

Mrs. Schafer, mother of our subject, was the daughter of Ludwig Held, who was born in Germany, and who was a locksmith by trade. He came to America a few years after the Schafer family and located in Massillon, where he followed his trade, making all his locks by hand. He was a fine mechanic. At the time of his death, he was ninety-four years of age, and his wife was eighty-four. He awoke one morning and found his wife dead, and immediately said he did not care to live any longer. He died the same day, and they were buried in one grave. Thus passed away this devoted old couple. He had been working in the shop the day before. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Schafer returned to Massillon; this was about 1858, and here her death occurred in the fall of 1871. Nine children were born to this union: Lewis, who is in Wellington, Kan., engaged in the meat business; Margaret was Mrs. McClintic, and died in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Christina became Mrs. Zellers and resides in Massillon; Martin, our subject; William, who now resides in Massillon and is in the employ of Russell & Co., enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Infantry, in 1862, and served until the close of the war. Caroline, now Mrs. Bergold, resides in Massillon; Jacob resides in Cincinnati; Louise, Mrs. Cheney, resides in Kansas City, Mo.; and Charles died in Massillon.

The subject of this sketch remained in his native county until 1848, and then went to Loudonville, where he was early given employment in the grocery owned by his father. On account of this, he received but a common district-school education, and when he was sixteen years of age his mother sold out and moved back to Massillon. After this, he entered the employ of C. M. Russell & Co., and learned the beltmaker's trade, which he carried on for about ten years with the above-mentioned company. He would have been given the position of foreman had his health permitted it. He gave up his trade and engaged in the saw machine business, which he continued until the winter of 1888, a period of twenty years. From 1880 he was a partner of the firm of Schafer & Mausz, which continued until 1888, when they dissolved partnership. During this time, he became familiar with the settling of estates, was administrator, and continues that business at the present time, being administrator for several estates. He is Trustee for the John Madder estate and became guardian of the children. He is a careful, upright and very successful business man, and commands the respect of all. His residence is at No. 20 West Charles Street, and his office is at No. 18 North Erie Street.

Mr. Schafer was married in Massillon, in 1883, to Mrs. Elizabeth Florence (Crossland) Dunlap, a native of Sugar Creek Township, Stark County, Ohio, and the daughter of Augustus Crossland, a native of Middlebury, Summit County, Ohio, and a blacksmith by trade. He is now a resident of Navarre. One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Schafer, Charles Leslie.

For a short time, Mr. Schafer was Justice of the Peace, afterward Assessor of the Second Ward, and in 1876 he was elected Township Treasurer, and has filled that position in a creditable and satisfactory manner since. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and has been its financier for five years. He is an active member and Trustee of St. John's Evangelical Church, and in politics is a stanch Republican, his first Presidential vote being cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He is a member of the Board of Trade and is one of the committee on statistics.

JOHN GILL is accounted a prosperous farmer of Lawrence Township, and, like the majority of native Germans, is progressive in his views and of an energetic temperament. He now resides on a fine farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres on section 10, and his successful career has amply demonstrated the fact that perseverance and industry will always succeed. He was originally from Germany, and his father,

Andrew Gill, was also a native of the same place. The latter was reared there, learned the cabinet-maker's trade, and was married to Miss Louisa Hammer, who was also a native of Germany. In the year 1837, he brought his family to America, and after landing on this side of the ocean, he came immediately to Lawrence Township, Stark County, Ohio, and bought ten acres of land on section 11. There he settled, and there his death occurred in 1844. His widow subsequently married Joseph Gill, his brother. Five children, one daughter and four sons, were born to the first union, and three children came to the second union. Mrs. Gill is now deceased.

The original of this notice, who was the eldest child born to the first union, was about three years of age when he came with his parents to America, and his first schooling was received in Lawrence Township, in a German school. Later, he attended an English school in Lawrence Township, and thus acquired a fair knowledge of the English language. After assisting on the farm and working at the carpenter's trade until twenty-one years of age, he and his brother Michel ran a threshing-machine for fifteen years in Lawrence Township. He was married the first time in 1860, to Miss Catherine Wagner, a native of Ohio, but of German descent, her father and mother having been born in the Fatherland. Mrs. Gill died in 1867, and left three children, as follows: Mary, wife of Frank Lobbie, of Akron, Ohio; Andrew married and resides in Doylestown, Wayne County, Ohio; and Augusta resides in Massillon, and is a tinner by trade.

Mr. Gill's second marriage was with Miss Melinda Wilmont, a native of France, who was brought to this country by her parents when about two years of age. Five children, two daughters and three sons, were born to this union, viz: William J., Edward, Allie, Hattie and Oscar. After his first marriage, Mr. Gill located on section 13, Lawrence Township, on a farm of twenty-five acres, where he remained for three years. From there he removed to Jackson Township and bought forty acres, upon which he resided for about three years, and then sold out, purchasing seventy-five acres on section 13, Lawrence Township. Two years later, he sold this and purchased the same number of acres on section 10, the same township, known as the Mobley Place, on which he remained for about three years. After selling this, he bought the farm where he now resides, one hundred and thirty-two acres on section 10, and here he has tilled the soil ever since. He has accumulated most of his property by hard work and perseverance, for he started out in life with only about $200. He has a good house and barn, and the place has a neat, cozy appearance. Mr. Gill also owns a business block in Canal Fulton, and this he rents out. He keeps a good breed of stock of all kinds, and has fifty head of sheep. He also occasionally buys and sells horses.

ROBERT C. SLUTTS. It is doubtful if a man can be found within the bounds of Stark County who has made a better record than the gentleman above named, who is the owner of one hundred and twelve acres of land in Bethlehem Township. His excellent reputation does not depend upon the solidity of his finances, but upon his personal character and the favorable knowledge his acquaintances have of his generosity and reliability.

He of whom we write is a native of this county, having been born August 22, 1843, to James and Rachel Slutts, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father of our subject was a lad of seven years when his parents emigrated to Ohio, the family locating in Jefferson County, where he grew to manhood. Upon reaching mature years, he took up his abode in this county, owning his first property in Sugar Creek Township, where he erected a log cabin in the woods. In connection with operating his farm, he carried on his trade of tanner and currier on his place, and died in 1881.

Our subject is the eldest of the five children who survive, his brother and sisters being Elizabeth, Catherine, Anna and Josiah. Robert C. obtained only a fair education, his school privileges being meagre, and the few months which he could devote

at the temple of learning saw him seated upon a slab bench, perusing his text-books by the light of a greased-paper window and receiving warmth from a huge fireplace. When ready to establish a home of his own, he was married, in March, 1864, to Miss Catherine Muskopf, the daughter of John Muskopf, a well-to-do farmer of Sugar Creek Township, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Slutts has been born a large family of children, of whom the following survive: James, John, Anna, Charles, Malvern, Clara, and Ralph.

He of whom we write, as before stated, is the proprietor of one hundred and twelve acres of land, which is an excellent showing for a man who began his business career with no other capital than strong hands and a determination to succeed. To the devoted assistance of his worthy wife, her cheerful help in all his labors, and her wise counsel, Mr. Slutts feels himself greatly indebted. They are both members of the Evangelical Association and have been active workers in all good causes. Our subject has served for some time as School Director, and, like most of our agriculturists, he is of a progressive spirit and interested in the advancement of the community and the people at large.

DANIEL PAAR, Vice-president of the Canton Water Works, was born in Germany, April 1, 1834. His parents, John D. and Margaret (Kauffman) Paar, spent their entire lives in their native province, Kurhessen, Germany, and, honored by all who knew them, passed to the great beyond when they had attained to a venerable age. The father was an industrious man and a farmer by occupation, his labors being rewarded by the accumulation of a sufficient amount to protect his old age from the cares of poverty. He reared his two sons and four daughters to habits of industry, and by his counsel and training endeavored to prepare them for positions of usefulness in the world.

A brother of our subject, George, emigrated to the United States in 1871, and died in Canton in 1884. A sister, Catharine, still makes her home in the Fatherland. Daniel was educated in his native province, where he learned the trade of a blacksmith. Having resolved to seek a home beyond the ocean, in the great country of which he had heard so much, he sailed for America in 1854, taking passage at Bremen, and landing in New York after a voyage of thirty-eight days. After reaching New York, he sought employment at his trade, and for about three months worked on the corner of Gold and Fulton Streets.

From New York, Mr. Paar came West to Cleveland, where, with the exception of a couple of days, he was unable to find work. In July, 1854, we find him in Canton, where he secured a position with Lorence Bechele, and remained in that connection about five years. Although he received a very small salary, by economy he saved a portion of his earnings, and in 1859 engaged in business for himself. He formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Henry Smith, and together they conducted a blacksmith and general repair shop until 1875, when the connection was dissolved.

In 1884, Mr. Paar engaged in the manufacture of carriages, taking his son, Charles L., as partner and the business was carried on successfully until 1889, when it was closed out. The firm now engages in general repairing and horse-shoeing, and is known as D. Paar & Son, the junior member being Henry Paar. Since taking up his abode in Canton, our subject has accumulated considerable property as the fruit of his toil, and he has gained in addition that which is far better—the respect of his business associates and the friendship of those with whom he has social relations.

April 12, 1859, Mr. Paar was married to Miss Catharine Schmidt, a native of Germany. They are the parents of three sons and one daughter, namely: Charles, a traveling salesman in New York; Henry, who is associated in business with his father; Louis A., a merchant in Canton, and Emma K. Mr. Paar has been closely identified with the material progress of the city in which he has so long made his home. For three years and more he has been the efficient Vice-president of the

Canton Water Works, and is a Director of the Sewer Commission. Socially, he is a charter member of the Knights of Maccabees, and has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1857, being at present the oldest surviving member of that organization in Canton. Politically, he is a Democrat.

ANDREW HOLZBACH is well and favorably known to a host of acquaintances in this community, for he has been long and worthily identified with the stock-raising and farming interests hereabouts, and everything about his property pronounces him an agriculturist of much energy and discrimination.

He was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 24, 1837, of which place his father, Jacob Holzbach, was also a native. In 1868, the latter came with his family to America and at once turned his footsteps in the direction of Massillon, Stark County, Ohio, where he died in 1873. His wife was Catherine Sibalo, and two years after the death of her husband she also passed from life. A family of twelve children were born to them, all of whom lived to honorable manhood and womanhood; Nicholas was killed in the Civil War and John was killed in a stone quarry at Bridgeport, Stark County, Ohio, but the other members of the family are living and in the enjoyment of good health.

Andrew Holzbach was the third in order of birth, and while in his native land learned the trade of a miller, which occupation he followed until he came to America and for three years thereafter, being in the employ of Linn & Taylor. Succeeding this, he worked by the day in the coal mines of this county, then became a member of the German Coal Stock Company, of which he was a member for about two years. He next turned his attention to the grocery and saloon business in Massillon, and from 1870 until 1882 he devoted his energies to the successful conduct of this business. At the last-named date, he purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty acres where he now resides which, under his able management, has been made to yield abundant harvests. On the 18th of May, 1863, his marriage with Miss Catherine Bast, a native of Germany, whose natal day was December 22, 1837, was celebrated. Upon attaining her twenty-first year, she embarked for the New World which has since been her home. She has borne her husband six sons and four daughters: Charles, of Jonesborough, Ark.; Frank, a foreman of the Ft. Wayne Railroad, Nora; John, a fireman on the Ft. Wayne Railroad Anthony, Matilda, George; Willie, a barber at Massillon; Anna, and Clara.

When Mr. Holzbach settled on his present farm it was but slightly improved with a log house and barn, but in 1882 he erected a substantial two-story residence at a cost of $2,000, and a good barn, 40x80 feet, in 1884, which also cost him $2,000. He has been closely identified with agricultural pursuits in this vicinity and his well-established characteristics of energy, perseverance and unbounded industry have brought him safe returns. Careful, prudent and economical, but not in the least penurious, he is filled with the "milk of human kindness," and those who know him recognize in him a good friend and neighbor.

He has always been in sympathy with the Democratic party and has often been a delegate to the county conventions at Canton. He and his family are members and regular attendants of the Catholic Church.

OLIVER W. HOLL. A plain, untarnished statement of the facts embraced in the life of Mr. Holl, who is now the efficient Surveyor of Stark County, and a man well and favorably known to the people of the same, is all that we profess to be able to give in this history of the county; and yet, upon examination of these facts, there will be found the career of one whose

entire course through the world has been marked by great honesty and fidelity of purpose.

Mr. Holl was born in Jackson Township, this county, on the 13th of March, 1858, and was fourth in order of birth of six children born to the union of Reuben and Eliza (Roush) Holl, natives, respectively, of Lancaster County, Pa., and Stark County, Ohio, the former born on the 15th of November, 1823. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Holl, was also a native of the Keystone State, and of Swiss descent The maternal grandfather of our subject, Godfrey Roush, walked from Pennsylvania to Ohio when young, and was one of the first settlers in Stark County. Reuben Holl has followed the occupation of a farmer much of his life, and is now residing on a fine tract of land in Jackson Township. He was a school teacher for many years, and was also engaged in land surveying in connection with farming. His wife died on the 18th of August, 1890, when in her sixty-fourth year. She was a most estimable lady, and was highly esteemed by all.

Oliver W. Holl, like the average farmer boy, received his education in the district schools, but later he entered the Northwestern Normal School at Ada, Ohio, where he remained for some time. Still later, he taught a winter term of school in the country, and then began following the occupation to which he had been reared, farming, which he continued for a time. After this, he was Assistant City Engineer of Canton, under his brother, John H. Holl, and filled this position in a very satisfactory manner for two years. In 1886, he was in the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company in the State of Kansas, on construction work, and the following year he was employed as draughtsman along the Ohio Railroad between Cincinnati and Louisville. During the latter part of that year, he was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Company in the State of Kansas as draughtsman. In the spring of 1888, he returned to Canton, Ohio, and followed surveying and engineering in the city and country. He was thoroughly familiar with his business, and in the fall of 1889 he was elected County Surveyor for a period of three years, on the Democratic ticket. This office he still holds, and is discharging the duties of the same in a manner reflecting credit on himself and party. In politics, he is a stanch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party.

Our subject selected his life companion in the person of Miss Alice Essig, a native of Stark County, and their union was celebrated on the 28th of October, 1891. She is a daughter of William H. Essig. Mr. Holl and wife are worthy members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and have a pleasant and comfortable home at No. 136 North Plum Street. One child has been born of this union, a daughter, Ruth.

W. K. L. WARWICK. Among the rising young men of Stark County, native and "to the manor born," none is more worthy of representation in this volume than this gentleman, who occupies the responsible positions of President and Treasurer of the Upper Pigeon Run Coal Company, Secretary and Treasurer of the Warwick Coal Company and Manager of Sippo Mills.

He whose name heads this sketch was born in this city, December 23, 1862, where he attended the common schools until reaching his thirteenth year, when he entered Nazareth Hall, Nazareth, Northampton County, Pa., from which institution he was graduated when fifteen years of age. He then entered a school at Gambier, Ohio, where he prepared to enter college, and later, after entering Kenyon College, prosecuted his studies there until the close of his Sophomore year, when he returned home and went to work in his father's office and now has charge of the business.

In 1885, Mr. Warwick was married in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Miss Jessie M., daughter of J. J. Gillespie, one of the oldest residents of that city. The latter gentleman was very wealthy and was a stockholder in one of the largest banks, and interested in the oil trade of that locality; he is now deceased. To our subject and his wife has been

born a son, John G. Our subject is Trustee of the $50,000 Improvement Fund, and is also a member of the Board of Park Commissioners. In his political relations, he is a stanch Democrat, and at the present time is serving as a member of the Executive Committee. The father of our subject is the proprietor of the Warwick Block, of this city, and is one of the most influential and prosperous men of the locality.

ABRAHAM VAN VOORHIS. It would be hard to decide in this country which State is the best, even if such a thing were possible; but it is certainly within the bounds of truth to say that the State of Ohio is one of the grandest and best, and equally is it true that Stark County, that State, contains within its borders some of the prettiest scenery and richest soil within the State. This statement could be more fully appreciated after a visit to the beautiful farm of Mr. Van Voorhis, which is located on section 32, Osnaburg Township. The estate is well cultivated, and upon it first-class improvements have been made, and during the years in which he has devoted himself assiduously to its cultivation he has wrought great changes in its appearance.

A native of Pennsylvania, our subject was born in Washington County, December 12, 1822, and is the son of Peter Van Voorhis, who was born in New York State in 1795. When a young man, the grandfather removed to the above county in the Keystone State, where he met and married Miss Margaret Sickman, a native of that State, and of German descent. Her father, Barnett Sickman, was a farmer, and followed his calling in Pennsylvania.

In 1824, the father of our subject came to this county, and a few years later purchased the southwest quarter of section 28, Osnaburg Township. The land, with the exception of a few acres, was entirely undeveloped, and an old, dilapidated log cabin stood on the place. There Mr. Van Voorhis made his home until his decease in 1867. In early life, he was an old-line Whig in politics, but on the organization of the Republican party became a strong advocate of its principles. The mother died in 1877, and was, like her husband, a devoted member of the Christian Church.

The parental family comprised fourteen children, six daughters and eight sons, four of the latter being deceased. Our subject, who was the eldest of the family, was obliged to carry on the farm on the death of his father, and thus was enabled to attend school but a short time. When reaching his twentieth year, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Ingle, daughter of Michael Ingle, one of the earliest and most prominent settlers in Stark County.

After his marriage, Mr. Van Voorhis farmed in Osnaburg Township for one year, and then removed to the Samuel Ake Farm, which he rented for eight successive years, after which he purchased it, but after keeping it eight years, he sold it and purchased his father-in-law's estate, which consisted of one hundred and sixty broad acres, where he has since resided. In addition to raising the crops which are best adapted to the soil in his locality, our subject raises good grades of sheep and cattle, making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle. In 1867, he embellished his place by the erection thereon of a commodious residence, which is one of the best in the township. Five years previous, he built a large barn, sufficient for the storing of large quantities of grain and the shelter of stock.

Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Van-Voorhis, we make the following mention: Margaret died at the age of four years. John died in 1887, leaving a wife and two sons, Lawrence and Arthur. Cyrus lives at home, and aids his father in the operation of the farm; he married Miss Ellen Judd, of this township, and has three children. Sarah died when in her twentieth year. Emma married Levi Bowman, and has one child. The mother of these children died February 20, 1892, at the age of seventy-one years.

In politics, Mr. Van Voorhis is a believer in and a supporter of the principles of the Republican

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party. He is an active worker in the Christian Church, and in all ways is interested in the growth and best welfare of his township. He has been very successful in life, for when locating here his capital was very limited. He has now surrounded himself with the various appliances for developing the soil, and has above all made preparations for the comfort of his family and their enjoyment. His spirit is liberal, and he is very prompt to aid the helpless and to contribute to every benevolent object and good work. Open-hearted in his intercourse and honorable in his dealings, he has hosts of friends.

HON. GEORGE HARSH. One of the most popular, strong and flourishing financial institutions of Massillon, Ohio, is the First National Bank, of which Hon. George Harsh is Vice-president. He was born in Washington County, Pa., on the 15th of March, 1810, a son of George and Catherine (Stricker) Harsh, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, a farmer of German descent. In 1813, he came overland to Ohio with his wife and six children, and two and a half miles northwest of Massillon he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, and purchased one hundred acres more. Part of this land was successfully tilled until his death, August 16, 1833, at the age of seventy-three years. Although he and his family were compelled to endure many hardships and privations during their early residence in this section, Mr. Harsh was a man of sound judgment, and realized the fact that the land in Stark County was very fertile and that his early labors and hardships would be well rewarded in after years. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church, as was also his wife, who was born in Washington County, Pa. Her demise occurred January 21, 1843, at the age of seventy-six years. The country was in a primitive condition at the time of their settlement, and the town of Massillon was unknown until about 1826, when a few houses began to be erected.

Hon. George Harsh received his initiatory education in the log schoolhouse of his boyhood days, but this he supplemented by an academical course in Canton, during which time he improved every opportunity and became a well-informed young man. He devoted the summer seasons to assisting his father in tilling the home farm until, at the age of twenty-two years, he came to Massillon and engaged in partnership with his brother Jacob, who commenced business in 1828 in a mercantile establishment, the firm being changed and known as J. & G. Harsh. Two years later, Jacob died, in March, 1834, aged thirty-three years. George then became the sole proprietor, and although he was sometimes associated in business with others, because of his small capital, he was principally alone for the succeeding twenty-three years. He was pushing, energetic and honest, consequently successful, and the magnitude of his business necessitated a visit to the East about once a year to look up the prevailing modes, and to purchase goods, the trip being made by stage.

About 1866, he disposed of all interests in the mercantile business, and has since dealt in real estate, principally farming land, and is now the owner of three farms in Stark County near Massillon, each comprising one hundred and sixty acres, and all improved with fair buildings, beside which he has forty acres of unimproved wood land. He is also the owner of a business block in Massillon, and two residences. His own residence was erected in 1840, and makes him a substantial, commodious and pleasant home. He has ever been a warm patron of education, and has for years been connected with the Charity School of this place, in the capacity of President and Trustee, but resigned these positions recently, on account of ill-health. He has also been Director in the Massillon Union School for eighteen years. For many years he was a member of the City Council of Massillon, and altogether his name has been closely connected with the interests of this place for nearly sixty years. His friends are legion, for he has been a resident of Stark City for about eighty years. Although he has passed the eighty-second milestone of his life, his intellect is clear and sound, and does not show in the slightest degree the "ravages of

time." He has always thrown his influence on the side of justice and right, and been one of the foremost and most liberal supporters of worthy public enterprises, churches especially being the recipients of his bounty. In his political views, he has always been in sympathy with the Republican party, in the tenets and doctrines of which he is a firm believer and supporter, and this party showed its appreciation of the influence he exerted in its behalf, by electing him to the House in the State Legislature in 1846, which position he ably filled one term. In 1860, he was honored by a second election to the Senate of Ohio, and served four years, beginning in 1860, and was an able, faithful and incorruptible Legislator. This was the most exciting time in the history of the State, but, as usual, Mr. Harsh acquitted himself with credit, and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He was Chairman of the Committee on Claims and Public Works in the Senate, and a member on other important committees, and was one of the men to elect John T. Sherman to the United States Senate for his first term. He was also a Director of the Ohio Penitentiary for the years 1867 to 1873, inclusive.

Mr. Harsh was first married to Miss Susanna Stoakley, a native of Stark County, and has one grandchild, Fannie H., wife of I. E. Pierce, of Dayton, Ohio. His second marriage was to Miss Jane E. Smith, and his third to Miss Sarah E. McCarthy, who is now deceased. He has no children living. Throughout Stark County his name is a synonym for integrity, generosity and kindness.

JAMES S. BEAZEL. It is not necessary for a visitor in the rural districts to understand agriculture in order that he may know the good farmers in a section. The sight of tumble-down fences, machinery exposed to the weather, and inadequate shelter for stock and crop, is sufficient to stamp the proprietor of a farm as one lacking in enterprise and judgment. Well-built farm structures, neat fences and fields, where useful grain has the upper hand of the weeds, are equally conclusive proof of the skill and energy of him under whose management this state of things exists.

The subject of this notice is numbered among the enterprising farmers of Bethlehem Township, where he has a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres located on section 23. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., February 6, 1833, and is the son of John N. and Sarah (Shepler) Beazel, also natives of the Keystone State, and both it is said are of Swiss descent. When a lad of thirteen years, our subject, in company with his father and mother, emigrated to this county, the journey being made overland in a covered wagon and buggy. They located upon the farm which is the present property of our subject, where they were ranked among the earliest settlers. The father built a hewed-log house in the woods, and the family endured all the hardships common to life in a new country.

The original of this sketch was one in a family of eleven children, of whom the following survive: Mathew, Mary, James S., Clara, Mrs. H. Vandorsten, William N. and Harvey T. The husband and father departed this life April 11, 1851, and in his death the county lost one of its best citizens. His wife, who survived him many years, passed to the land beyond in 1873.

James S. Beazel grew to manhood amid the pioneer scenes of this county, and has done his share in opening up the country for those who should follow. Like most of the farmer lads, he obtained his education in the district school, and for fourteen winters taught school successfully in his neighborhood. He has always kept himself thoroughly posted in regard to what was going on about him, and has at all times been keenly alive to the interests of township and county, and has been an important factor in promoting them.

The lady to whom Mr. Beazel was married, in November, 1855, was Miss Louisa Meredith, a native of Coshocton County, this State, her birth occurring May 4, 1833. She is the daughter of Job and Margaret (Aunspaugh) Meredith, and by her

union with our subject became the mother of eleven children, all of whom are living with one exception. They bear the respective names of William A., Alice (Mrs. R. B. Fuller), John N., Henry H., Charles D., Clarence, Laura A., Luta Blanch, Sarah P. and James S. Francis Albert is deceased.

Mr. Beazel is the proprietor of a valuable estate, which includes one hundred and sixty-five acres of well-tilled land, which is one of the best-managed in this portion of the county. He has been progressive in all things, accumulated a handsome property, and now ranks among the wealthy men of this county. He has been the recipient of public honor from his fellow-citizens, who have recognized his superior qualifications, and have called him to assist in the administration of public affairs. He served for some time as a member of the School Board, and politically is a stanch Prohibitionist. He is a member of the Church of God, towards the support of which he is a liberal and constant contributor, and as one of the self-made citizens of Stark County we are pleased to present his sketch in this volume.

LIEUT. THOMAS H. RUSSELL. The study of the careers of those who have been the architects of their own fortunes in the various departments of business, furnishes lessons of inestimable value to youths just entering their chosen professions and encourages them to greater efforts for success in life. The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, and who is a member of the well-known firm of Russell & Co., at Massillon, has been successful in the best sense of that word, for he has not only accumulated a fortune, but has gained that which is better, the esteem of his large circle of acquaintances and the regard of every one with whom he has had business or social relations.

Born in Alstead, Cheshire County, N. H., May 15, 1828, our subject is the son of Cyrus and Louisa (Stratton) Russell, natives, respectively, of Weston and Lincoln, Mass. For a complete sketch of the parental family, the reader is referred to the biography of Joseph K. Russell, presented elsewhere in this volume. When an infant of one year, our subject was taken by his parents to Vermont, where he passed his boyhood days in Sutton, Caledonia County. After completing the studies of the common school, he entered the Hancock (N. H.) Academy, where he remained for one year. He also worked for a short time in the Harrisville Woolen Factory.

In 1847, Mr. Russell left Sutton and proceeded by canal from Troy to Buffalo, thence by steamer to Cleveland, and from that place by stage to Massillon, where his brothers were established in business as manufacturers of threshing-machines. He entered their shop on Erie Street and learned the machinist trade, with which he became so familiar that he was appointed superintendent of the machine shop, and became a stockholder in the same.

During 1863, Mr. Russell was a member of the Home Guards, in which he was Lieutenant. In May of the following year, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio Infantry, and was mustered in as First Lieutenant at Columbus, where the company was stationed. In September, 1864, he was honorably discharged, and returning to Massillon, resumed his work as superintendent of the machine shop. He patented several articles, among them a concave adjuster, a vibrating screw, and the worm-beater, the latter being patented in 1890. He has always been interested in public enterprises, and was one of the organizers of the Massillon Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, in which he is a Director and stockholder.

At Massillon, September 13, 1853, Thomas H. Russell and Miss Eleanor Dunn were united in marriage. The father of Mrs. Russell, Edward Dunn, was born in Ireland, whence he accompanied his parents to Philadelphia, and there found employment as a moulder in brass. When a young man, he came to Ohio, where he was married. He purchased a farm in Tuscarawas County, which he commenced to improve, but died soon afterward of cholera, about 1831. The mother of Mrs. Russell

bore the maiden name of Julia Fox, and was born in Brookfield, Stark County. Her father, Jehial Fox, was born in Vermont, whence he removed to Essex County, N. Y., and was there married. In 1812, he came to Stark County with a wagon and team, and first engaged at his trade of a carpenter, but later bought twenty acres in the village of Brookfield, where he lived for several years. In 1826, he located in Kendall (now the Fourth Ward), and resided there for five years, when he removed to a thirty-five-acre farm in Perry Township, residing there until his death in 1859. He helped to build the locks in the canal, and was such a skillful workman that he could contrive anything for use in a house. His wife was known in maidenhood as Annie Doxsee, and was born in Essex County, N. Y.

After the death of the father of Mrs. Russell, her mother was again married, her second husband being Mr. Marsh, with whom she removed to Fredericksburg, Iowa, and there died in 1881, when about seventy years old. Mrs. Russell, the only child of the first marriage, was born in Tuscarawas County, but was reared in Massillon. She attended the first union school held in this place, which was also the first one in Ohio. She is a lady of refinement, a sincere Christian, and holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, where she has served as President of the Ladies' Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell have been bereaved by death of two children: Edward S., who died at the age of six years; and Nellie J., whose death occurred when she was four years old. The surviving members of the family are as follows: Warren E., Laura M. and Hattie M. The only son was graduated from the High School of Massillon, later fitted for college at Gambier, and is a graduate of Amherst College. He finished his legal studies in the law department of Harvard College, and was admitted to practice at the Bar of the State. He commenced the practice of his profession in Salt Lake City, but on account of his father's illness, returned to Massillon, and now has charge of the collecting department of Russell & Co. The two daughters are accomplished young ladies, both graduates of the female seminary at Northampton, Mass., and are now at home. The family abode is a commodious and elegantly furnished residence on the corner of Plum and Prospect Streets, and was erected in 1882 by Mr. Russell.

In political matters, Mr. Russell is a stanch Republican, and was elected on that ticket to the office of City Treasurer, in which capacity he served for several years. He is a man of travel, and with his wife has visited many places of interest in the United States. In 1876, he attended the Centennial; in 1884, he made a trip to California, and six years afterward visited that State a second time. April 17, 1891, he was seized with a paralytic stroke, and for three months was unable to move. His robust constitution is gradually conquering the disease, and he is now rapidly regaining his strength. He is a man of unusual geniality of disposition, and his unfailing courtesy wins many friends, while his fine business talents command universal recognition.

PETER YODER, farmer and stockman, Stark County, Ohio, is conspicuous for its magnificent farms, that are faultless in the way of management and the order in which they are kept, and those in Nimishillen Township are especially advantageously located, the land being rolling and well watered, fertile and productive. Mr. Yoder's estate of three hundred and twenty-seven acres of fine land is located on section 36, and he is to be congratulated on the perfect method and order with which his agricultural affairs are conducted. He was born in Nimishillen Township, April 30, 1841, to Christian and Annie (Kloppenstein) Yoder, the former of whom was born in France, in August, 1811, and came to America when about twenty-three years of age, and in this country was married and reared his family of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth, and of whom four are still living. Christian Yoder was well educated in his native land, and in time obtained enough money to enable him to purchase eighty acres of

land in the same school district in which Peter Yoder, his son, is now residing, but later sold it to purchase one hundred and sixty adjoining the latter's farm. Although a Republican, politically, he is not a politician. He was brought up in the Omish Church, and was elected to serve as a preacher, but upon refusing to do so, was thrown out of the society. His children were as follows: Christian, who died at the age of eighteen years; Anna (Mrs. Brumbaugh) lives in Louisville, and has one son, Oliver; Barbara married Isaac Markley, by whom she has one son, Elmer, and resides in Plain Township; Maria married Andrew Pontius, and lives in Louisville; and Peter, the subject of this biography. The paternal grandfather, Christian Yoder, was Mayor of the city in which they lived in France, but came to America, and in this country was called from life.

Peter Yoder, in his youth, alternately assisted on the farm and attended the district school near his home, and being a boy of good mental abilities, he made fair progress in his studies. He remained with his father, assisting him on the home farm, until he was about twenty-seven years of age, and was given wages for his services after he had attained his majority. November 17, 1867, he was married to Miss Nancy Folk, of Nimishillen Township, born May 11, 1849, and a daughter of Peter and Lydia (Reese) Folk, both of whom were born in Stark County, and reside near Louisville. For one year after his marriage, Mr. Yoder resided with his parents, then with what money he had saved, and with some help from his father, he bought one hundred acres of land where he now resides; the remainder of his land he has purchased in small tracts, until he now has his present large farm. He has built one of the handsomest houses in the vicinity, which was put up at a cost of $5,000, and contains all the modern conveniences. It is finely finished, both inside and out, and is attractive in design. He handles a good many cattle and sheep, feeding both for the market, which business he finds not only profitable but pleasing.

In his political sentiments, Mr. Yoder is a Republican, and, being a patron of education, he has been a member of the School Board for many years, and by the employment of good teachers, he has raised the standard of education in his section. He is decidedly progressive in his views, and is a member of the County Agricultural Society, of which he is an active and interesting member. He has eight children living: Ulysses S., born June 10, 1868, at home; Rheuhama, October 28, 1869; Ida, born November 10, 1870, died August 5, 1871; Forest born February 8, 1875; Joseph, October 7, 1876; Augusta M., January 7, 1878; Myron, December 16, 1879; Minnie, May 10, 1881; and Erma E., April 3, 1887.

J. P. YOCKEY, editor and proprietor of the Fulton *Signal*, published in Canal Fulton, Stark County, Ohio, is a native of the county in which he still makes his home. He was born in Lawrence Township in 1847, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth Yockey, who were laboring people of Lawrence Township. At the early age of seven years, our subject was left an orphan and resided with relatives until twelve years of age, at which time he commenced working on a farm by the month, and for five years was in the employ of Christian Eschliman, a sketch of whom is given on another page of this work. To this gentleman Mr. Yockey owes a debt of gratitude for his judicious advice and aid. In the mind of the young lad he aroused ambitions for something higher, and helped him in carrying out his best desires.

At the age of nineteen years, Mr. Yockey entered the Smithville Academy, of Wooster, Ohio, where he remained for three years. During the winter season he engaged in teaching, and after completing his education, followed that profession for some years, meeting with excellent success. In 1869, he became the Superintendent of the Canal Fulton Schools, remaining in charge for three years, after which he went to Doylestown, where he was also engaged in teaching for two years. In the year 1875, he returned to this place and entered upon his present business. He pur-

chased the *Herald*, but changed the name of the paper to the *Signal*. Since that time, he has engaged in its publication. It is an excellent journal, devoted to home interests, literature and general news, and is well conducted. The editor is a ready and interesting writer, and his paper is a bright and newsy sheet. He has already secured a liberal patronage and the subscription list is constantly being enlarged. He also carries on a job office, and in this department does an excellent line of work.

On the 20th of September, 1877, Mr. Yockey was united in marriage with Miss Arabella Porter, daughter of John Porter, of Lawrence Township. She died in 1882, leaving one child, Leila Joy. Mr. Yockey has served as Township Clerk for two terms, and also filled the office of Clerk of the School Board for several years, his public duties being faithfully performed. He is a friend to education and has the best interests of the community at heart. In all works of advancement and progress, he is found in the front rank, doing all in his power to promote the general welfare. He is a thorough gentleman, who commands the confidence and respect of the people, and his sterling worth has won him high regard.

SIMON JOHNSON, Superintendent of the Water Works of Alliance, has the honor of being a native of this county. He was born November 12, 1825, and is a son of Simon and Mary K. (White) Johnson. The Johnson ancestors were members of the Society of Friends, and the maternal grandfather was a Baptist minister. The parents of our subject emigrated to the Buckeye State in 1823, locating in Washington Township, Stark County. There were then but four families in the township, a few Indians were still in the county, and wild game of all descriptions roamed in the forest. In the midst of the timber, Mr. Johnson hewed out a farm and followed agricultural pursuits throughout the greater part of his life. About three years prior to his death, he removed to Alliance.

Our subject is one of a family of four sons and five daughters. In the usual manner of farmer lads, he was reared to manhood. He attended the public schools of Mt. Union and was the first student to recite a lesson to Prof. Hartshorn, of that school. He also attended Marlborough Academy and further pursued his studies in Salem, after which he taught school for one term in Washington County, Pa. He then followed farming until his marriage, which was celebrated on the 3d of April, 1851, Miss Jane Teeters becoming his wife. Unto them were born five children: J. Howard; Rosetta and L. M., both deceased; Mary K. and William W. The last-named resides in Chattanooga, Tenn. Mary, the only daughter, was appointed an operator in the Bell Telephone office, of Alliance, on its introduction here, and subsequently became general manager, being the only lady manager of the concern in the State.

For eight years after his marriage, Mr. Johnson was a resident of Knox Township, and during three years of that time served as Justice of the Peace. In 1859, he came to Alliance. He had a contract to supply a large amount of wood to a company, and got out eight thousand cords. During the war, he bought horses and dealt in stock. In 1861, he was elected Mayor of Alliance, and held that office for two years, when he was elected Justice of the Peace, serving three years. He was then re-elected Mayor for two years, after which he traveled for the Forest City Insurance Company as General Agent for five years. Once more he was elected Mayor, and held the office for three successive terms, or six years, having served altogether in that position for a decade. He was then employed by the Water Works Committee as Managing Agent, holding that position until July, 1890, when he was elected Superintendent, which position he now fills. In 1866, he embarked in the insurance business, which he continued until becoming Superintendent of the Water Works, when he turned over the business to his son, John H., who now conducts it and has one of the best agencies in the State.

In his social relations, Mr. Johnson is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of Honor. Himself and wife are members of the Disciples Church. He is held in the highest regard throughout the community, and has the confidence and good will of all. That he is quite popular is shown by his repeated re-election to the office of Mayor, and this fact also indicates the promptness and fidelity with which he discharged the duties of his office.

GEORGE W. MEYER is the agent for the estate belonging to the Meyer heirs, and resides at his pleasant home about a mile from the city of Canton. He was born on the old homestead in this county, March 2, 1863, and is the fourth in order of birth in a family of five children. The parents, Joseph and Catherine Meyer, were both natives of the city of Baltimore, Md. The former was born in 1812, and with his father, Andrew Meyer, came to Stark County, Ohio, when a boy. He was reared upon a farm, and after attaining to man's estate, returned to Baltimore, where he was married. With his bride, he then came again to Stark County and settled on a farm near Meyer Lake, the old homestead which his father had located. Here he carried on general farming and was one of the principal sheep raisers in this part of the country, owning as many as seven hundred head of sheep at one time. He was successful in his business dealings, and as his financial resources increased, he made judicious investments in land near Canton, purchasing one tract of two hundred and twenty-five acres, which he owned at the time of his death. He also bought a home and fifteen acres of land in Canton, and there resided until called to his final rest in 1869. He had previously sold some of his town lots, but Mrs. Meyer still resides at the old homestead at No. 151 West Tuscarawas Street. The house is surrounded by commodious grounds, comprising an acre and a half, on which stand some of the natural oaks of the forest. Mr. Meyer was a man of great force of character, and of keen foresight, and won excellent success. In politics, he was a stanch Democrat, and was a member of the Catholic Church.

The children of the family are Elizabeth O., wife of John F. Blake, Mayor of the City of Canton; Edward J., a resident farmer of this county; Catherine, who resides with her mother; George W. of this sketch; and Henry C., who makes his home in Canton.

Our subject began his education in the city schools of Canton, and was afterward a student in Emmitsburg, Md., for four years. In company with two of his brothers, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres at Meyer Lake, which he improved and transformed into a summer resort, one of the finest in the State. They there erected a boat-house and billiard halls, laid out a race track, and added many other attractions and improvements. A street-car line has been built from the city and runs to the lake, a distance of about two miles. The farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres, which was purchased by the father of our subject, has been platted and laid out by the Meyer heirs into one thousand lots, very desirable for residences. A number of homes have already been erected. The lots are offered at reasonable prices and are in every way suitable for pleasant homes. George Meyer is sole agent and manager of the estate.

The Meyer heirs have been very liberal in aiding in the upbuilding of the enterprises calculated to improve and benefit the community. They donated the twenty acres of land upon which has been built the Dueber Watch Works, which furnish employment to from fifteen hundred to two thousand men and women. They have also given liberally to other manufacturing industries and donated the land for the Meyer Park, which extends from Adams to South Street.

In the year 1887, George W. Meyer was married to Miss Helen Shriver, one of the fair daughters of Canton, which is the lady's native city. They have a beautiful home on his farm one mile west of the city, comprising one hundred and twelve acres of choice and highly improved land. Their

home is one of the neatest and most substantial country residences between Canton and Massillon, and its hospitable doors are ever open for the reception of their friends, who are many.

GEORGE N. SCHLICHTER. A long residence in a community gives to an individual a standing which can scarcely be acquired otherwise, especially if he has made for himself a good record as a citizen. These thoughts are suggested by reviewing the career of Mr. Schlichter, who was born in this county, November 29, 1824, and having been a continuous resident of Sugar Creek Township for almost sixty-eight years, has thus become widely and favorably known to the people of this region, and the fact that he is uniformly well spoken of is sufficient indication of his true character. He possesses those genial and companionable qualities which are a free passport to the esteem and confidence of mankind, when supplemented by integrity and intelligence.

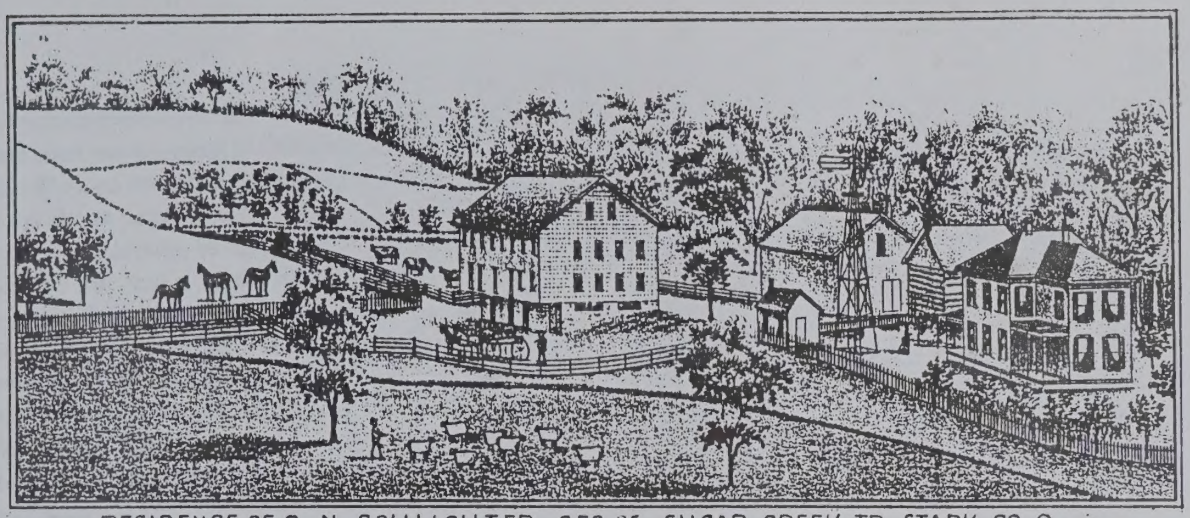
George and Sarah Schlichter, parents of our subject, were natives of Pennsylvania, and in 1824 emigrated to this county and located on an unimproved tract of land in Sugar Creek Township, which is the property of our subject at the present time. Their first home was in a log cabin, where the family resided until the land was cleared and a more suitable structure could be put in readiness for them. Here the father worked industriously until his decease, which occurred in 1862.

Our subject is the only surviving member of the parental family, and was reared to man's estate in this county, trained to habits of industry and usefulness and in the sentiments of honor, which had been his throughout life. He attended the district school near his home, and, like the children of all early settlers, enjoyed but limited opportunities for adding to that scant education. In the intervals of school life, he bore a share in the development of the home farm, and in this manner was thoroughly fitted to carry on an estate of his own.

August 24, 1852, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Nichols, also a native of this county, and by their union has been born a family of seven children, of whom the three living are known as William W., Franklin and Laura. William W. married Miss Samantha Eberly, by whom he has one son. Mr. Schlichter owns a quarter-section of land, which is one of the finest farms in the county, being adorned with a commodious residence and convenient barns and other buildings. Our subject casts his vote for the nominees of the Democratic party, and his life has been characterized by industry, punctuality and honesty, traits which always insure success, and he has prospered abundantly.

DAVID SMITH. Canton Township is the home of many successful farmers, but none more prosperous than the gentleman above named, who is one of the wealthy residents of the county, owning and operating a fine estate just outside the corporate limits of the city of Canton. It consists of one hundred acres on section 8, all of which is under excellent tillage and improved with all that goes to make up a well-cultivated farm. A visitor to his home will see that he has not only erected good buildings, and has his farm well supplied with modern machinery, but that he keeps excellent grades of stock.

Our subject, who is a son of Jacob Smith, was born on his present farm September 16, 1826. His father was born in Pennsylvania and was of German descent. He was a farmer by occupation and came to this State as early as 1814, making the journey overland with a wagon. His first location was east of Canton, whence he later removed to what is now the property of our subject. The country roundabout at that time was sparsely settled and in a wild condition. He built a log house, where he resided for some time, and later, removing to where the waterworks are now located, erected a flaxseed mill and at the



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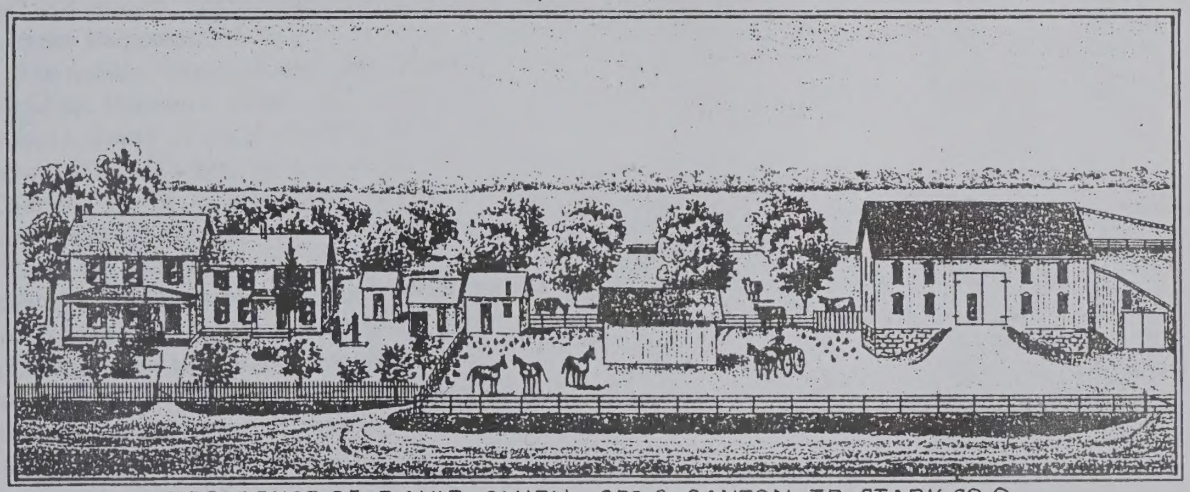

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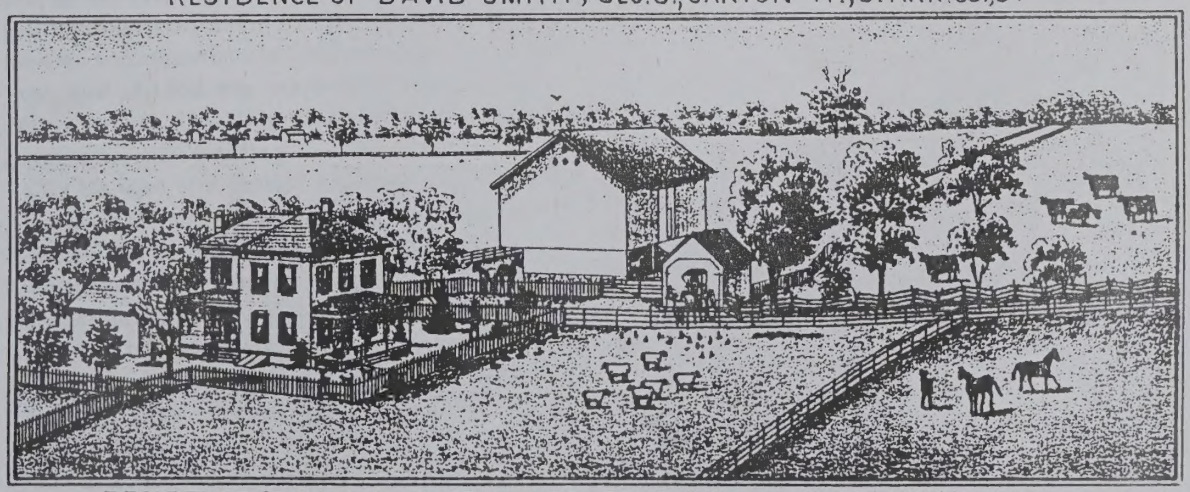

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same time was engaged in the manufacture of linseed oil. He also owned a tract of three hundred acres of excellent land, which was the fruit of his industry, as he came to the county entirely without means. He was a leader in all public enterprises and was held in high repute by his fellowmen for the energetic conduct of his own affairs, his progressive ideas regarding agriculture and the honorable way in which he carried on business. He was eighty-eight years old at the time of his decease and had been a life-long member of the Lutheran Church, to whose support he was a liberal and cheerful contributor. In politics, he was a stanch Democrat.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Elizabeth Rhodes, a native of Pennsylvania. She reared a family of eight children and died in her seventieth year a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. David of this sketch was the youngest but one in the family, and received a good education in the old academy which stood on what is now the site of the public schools. He passed his early days amid the surroundings of rural life and remembers the time when deer were very plentiful and Indians quite numerous about the old home. He assisted his father in clearing the estate, and when he had attained his majority he adopted the calling to which he had been bred, and has since followed agricultural pursuits. He began life on his own account when he reached his twenty-fourth year, and in 1852 was married to Isabel F. Shorb, who was born in the city of Canton, where her parents are still residing.

To Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been born a family of nine children, namely: William, Alice, Lizzie, George, Belle, Bert, Floy A., Ella, and Harry. Our subject has one hundred acres of excellent land, which has taken on a different appearance since it came into his possession, herds of domestic animals taking the place of the wild game that was plentiful here during his early residence, and fruitful fields and orchards replacing the prairie grass and the forest growth of former days. He is engaged in mixed farming and buys and ships stock to the eastern market on a large scale. He has platted several additions to the city of Canton, and disposed of some of his property to other parties who also laid it out in city lots. He has acquired a valuable property, and while engaged in his private affairs is at the same time one of those solid men who are very active in promoting the interests of the township.

In 1868, Mr. Smith engaged in the brick-making business, which he followed successfully until 1880, and turned out annually about one million brick. He is a stalwart defender of Democratic principles and has served his fellow-townsmen as Trustee for fourteen years. The Lutheran Church finds in him a most active and devoted member, while his good wife belongs to the Catholic Church.

SAMUEL NOFTSINGER. Stark County has in this gentleman a fine representative of its agricultural class, as his energy and enterprise have been leading factors in advancing its growth in this section. He is a prominent and well-known resident of Bethlehem Township, and his name is associated with many plans that have promoted its welfare. His birth occurred in this county, July 22, 1833, whither his parents, John and Elizabeth Noftsinger, emigrated in an early day, and took up their abode in a log cabin in the woods of Bethlehem Township. They passed through the usual amount of hardships which fell upon the pioneers, but eventually succeeded in placing under excellent cultivation the fertile tract of land, which constantly increased in value in proportion to the improvements placed upon it from time to time. In the father's death, which occurred in 1846, the county lost one of her early and best citizens. Politically, he was a supporter of the Democratic party, and was in favor of all things that would in any way elevate society and contribute to the happiness and well-being of the people.

Samuel Noftsinger of this sketch grew to manhood in the enjoyment of fair school privileges and under home training that developed the vigor of mind and body. He recalls the days when the

houses of the neighbors were few and scattering, and what may be called pioneer labor was still done in the vicinity of his home.

November 29, 1855, Mr. Noftsinger and Miss Charlotte Nicholas, who was born in this county, March 26, 1837, were united in marriage. The lady was a daughter of Amos and Charlotte (Vandorston) Nicholas, natives of the Keystone State, whence they removed in an early day to this county and resided in Bethlehem Township. To our subject and his excellent wife have been born eleven children, nine of whom are living, namely: Eliza; Catherine married George Beck; Emma married Hiram Friend; Austin married Emma Bollinger; Ida, James, Ella, John and Alpheus; while two died in infancy unnamed.

The original of this sketch took up his abode on his present farm in the fall of 1868, and has since been a resident upon it. His career has been distinguished by rare energy, stability of character and prompt and systematic business habits, and his course furnishes an illustrious example to the young who are just starting out in the world to seek fortune's favors. His estate comprises eighty acres of good land, which is cultivated in a most profitable manner. He has been very prominent in local affairs, and served one year as Trustee of Bethlehem Township. In his political relations he is a stanch Democrat, and is an active worker in the ranks of that party. John Noftsinger, an older brother of our subject, whose sketch will appear on another page of this work, prefers to spell his name without the "t."

GEORGE J. YOUNG. The name of Young is well known and highly honored throughout Stark County, and indeed beyond its bounds, as members of the family have been closely identified with the development of this section of Ohio, and it is confidently expected that all who bear the name will prove worthy of it and continue the work so well begun by those of preceding generations. That this is the case in the life of Mr. Young, it needs but a mention of his name to his acquaintances to prove. He is numbered among the wealthy and prominent farmers and stockmen of Pike Township, and has a high reputation as a man of thoroughly upright character, stanch and true.

George J. Young was born in this township, March 19, 1819, and is the son of George Young, Sr., who was born in Hagerstown, Md., and was a lad of nine years when he emigrated to Somerset County, Pa., with his parents. Making his home in the Keystone State for a twelvemonth after his marriage, which occurred when in his nineteenth year, he emigrated to this State and located for a time in Jefferson County, where he accumulated a sufficient sum of money with which to purchase a couple of horses and a few agricultural implements, in order to carry on farming. In the spring of 1806, he came to Pike Township and took up his abode on section 16. The journey hither was made overland, his wife riding one horse and carrying a small child, and the provisions and clothing packed on the other horse. Reaching his land, Mr. Young immediately began the construction of a cabin, in which the family lived until a more suitable structure could be erected. He met with many reverses in his new home, but being plucky and industrious, overcame them, and at his death left a good estate. Indians and wild animals were very numerous about their primitive home and often proved very troublesome.

The father of our subject resided on leased land until 1811, when he became the owner of the northwest quarter of section 16, upon which he erected a cabin, which afterward gave place to a large brick residence, which was the first of its kind in the township. During the War of 1812, he was drafted into service three times, but on each occasion furnished a substitute.

In addition to carrying on his farming operations, he kept a store in his residence for many years, where he sold salt, iron, nails, glass, leather, etc. He was a firm believer in witches and witchcraft, and to the fact of his being left-handed, he attributed his power over them, and held firmly to the opinion that otherwise they would be able to

gain an ascendency over him. He abandoned these views, and as civilization broadened and deepened became less superstitious. At his death, which occurred in October, 1873, he had reached the age of ninety-four years. He was considered one of the best business men in his section and enjoyed an enviable reputation as a man of firm principles and strict morality.

The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Catherine Heglar, departed this life in 1839. She became the mother of the following twelve children: Sarah, Mrs. Jacob Brothers; David, who married Hannah Keiser; Jacob, who married Maria Donot; Mary, who became the wife of John Creeger; Henry, who married July Anne Fulk; Samuel, who married Caroline Creeger; Susan, who became Mrs. Clinton Henline; Barbara, who married Frederick Heminger; George, who married Harriet Parker; Catherine, who became the wife of Andrew Staul; Daniel, who married Mary Darr, and Elizabeth, who died single when in her nineteenth year. The lady whom the father of our subject chose as his second wife bore him seven children: Frances, Almira, Frank E., Nora, Ebelene, and two who died in infancy.

The original of this sketch was reared on the home farm on section 21, and acquired his fundamental education in a pioneer log schoolhouse, which was one mile's distance from his home. It was furnished in a most primitive manner, slab benches serving as seats; the windows were of greased paper, and the door was hung on wooden hinges. He remembers when the surrounding country was sparsely settled, and has killed many wild animals about the house. He aided his father greatly in developing a farm, bringing to bear upon his vocation all the energy of his nature, and helped to make the home place an estate pleasant to look upon.

When attaining his twentieth year, he of whom we write was married to Miss Harriet Parker, the date thereof being February 14, 1839. Mrs. Young was born in Chippewa, Wayne County, this State, August 21, 1820, her parents being early settlers of that county. Her father dying when she was six years of age, she was taken into the home of her maternal uncle, Andrew Fisher, who made his home in Sugar Creek Township, this county. After his marriage, our subject began life for himself and worked out by the day and month, receiving fifty cents a day for his labors.

Of the eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Young, ten grew to mature years, namely: Haman, who is a carpenter residing in Columbus, this State; Nancy, who married Samuel Slutz, a farmer in this township; William H., who also makes his home in this township; Franklin J., who is cultivating the soil in Plain Township; Alfred, Marion F., and Arthur, also well-to-do farmers in Pike Township; Wesley, who is operating the Grand View Hotel at Huntington, Ind.; Allison, who is operating the home farm and Clara, Mrs. William Poorman, who died in 1890.

After his marriage, George J. Young of this sketch, worked out for a time, as before stated, and then rented a farm for a number of years. He later purchased what is now his present home, locating first in a log house, which was burned in 1866. He then erected his present commodious frame residence, and has placed upon his estate those evidences of progress and prosperity which make of it one of the best in the township. He erected a large frame barn on his place in 1859, which gives ample room for the storage of large quantities of grain and the shelter of a number of of cattle. Mr. Young has two hundred and three acres of valuable land, the greater part of which he has cleared himself. He has a thorough understanding of farming and stock-raising, and is managing his affairs with skill and success. He is an untiring worker, and his toil has been directed by shrewd judgment, close calculation, and a resolute will that overcame all obstacles in the pathway to success.

Mr. Young, in addition to carrying on his farm, operated a threshing-machine for twenty-two years, from which branch of work he reaped a good income. He was one of the first to engage in that kind of work in this section and as a consequence was greatly in demand.

Mrs. Young departed this life July 10, 1890. She was a lady whose personal qualities gained her a high place in the estimation of neighbors and friends, and was a devoted member of the Method-

ist Episcopal Church, which body she joined with her husband in March, 1850. Since that time they have been active workers in that denomination, Mr. Young having held the position of Class-leader for over forty years. He contributed very liberally of his means toward the support of the church, and at the time of the erection of the new building, aided it materially. In his political relations, he now votes the Republican ticket, and has been Trustee of his township for the past eighteen years. He is a valued citizen of good repute and high standing, who is always ready to do all in his power to forward the welfare of his township and county. He has been especially interested in educational matters, and has held the office of School Director.

Our subject is one of the oldest residents of the township, with whom Time has dealt kindly, enabling him to lay aside the burdens which he bore in former years and to settle down to the enjoyment of the physical comforts and social pleasures which his adequate means and good taste make possible and agreeable.

CONRAD HUTH, one of the most honored residents of Stark County, is now residing in Massillon, where he carries on a thriving trade as a grocer. He possesses many social qualities which, added to his upright character, make him well liked wherever he is known. He is a native of Germany, having been born near Frankfort-on-the-Main, September 28, 1823, and is the son of John Huth, who was also a native of that country. Grandfather Huth, who was born in Mines, on the Rhine, was a very wealthy man, and a graduate of several of the best schools in Germany. He emigrated to America, and located in Tuscarawas County, this State, where he died at the advanced age of ninety years.

The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation, and in 1835 came to America with his family, and located three and one-half miles south of Bolivar, in the above-named county, where he purchased a farm of eighty acres. After operating that tract for a time, he purchased property near Canton, where he made his home for nine years, and at the end of that time returned to his old home in Bolivar, where he died in 1875, his death being the result of a fall he received when in his eighty-sixth year.

Mrs. Christine Huth, the mother of our subject, was also born in Germany, near her husband's birthplace, where she was given a good practical education. She was a most estimable lady and trained her children to lead honorable and upright lives. She was a Catholic in religion, and died in 1877, when eighty years of age. Of the eleven children of whom she was the mother, ten grew to mature years; of these our subject was the fourth in order of birth. Conrad spent his childhood in his native land, and in 1835 accompanied his parents to this country, leaving Bremen on the large sailing-vessel "Prince," the voyage consuming sixty-two days. After landing in New York, the family came to Ohio via Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland, Akron, Canton, remaining in the latter place twelve months, when the father located on his new farm in Tuscarawas County.

The original of this sketch remained at home until reaching his fourteenth year, when he went to Wyandotte County with a Mr. Rappee, and with him engaged in operating an hotel, and carried on a dry-goods store at Little Sandusky, near the Wyandotte Indians. After being thus engaged for a few years, Mr. Huth came to Canton, where he was employed in the Eagle Hotel as Clerk. In 1848, however, he came to this city and engaged to work in the Hawkes Hotel. He was then taken sick, and, returning home, remained until engaging in the manufacture of tubs, churns, etc.

Soon after leaving the above firm, Mr. Huth purchased the grocery business, which gradually grew until he became one of the most successful business men in the city. In 1865, however, he abandoned that line of trade, and again engaging in the hotel business, operated as "mine host" for two years, when he purchased the corner of Canal and West Main Street, which he improved, and in 1874 put in a stock of groceries. He has been

engaged in the grocery business since that date, and is now one of the oldest merchants in the city.

November 27, 1881, Conrad Huth and Miss Melinda Houck, who is also a native of this county, were united in marriage. The lady is the daughter of John Houck, who was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and on coming to this county was ranked among the well-to-do farmers of Tuscarawas Township. He held the position of School Director for a number of years, and died January 8, 1875. The mother of Mrs. Huth was Susannah Hoffer, and she was also a native of the Keystone State. She bore her husband nine children, and departed this life in 1873, when sixty-five years of age. Her parents were both members of the Lutheran Church, in which body the former was Deacon.

Our subject is a loyal and law-abiding citizen, interested in the welfare of his county, and has always affiliated with the Democratic party, which finds in him a true supporter. He is gentlemanly and courteous to his customers, and by well-directed and incessant labor has accumulated a comfortable property and is conducting a good business, which brings him in an excellent income.

PHILIP SHEAFER, a prominent citizen of Lawrence Township, now practically living a retired life, resides upon his farm on section 27. He was born on the farm which is still his home, September 11, 1824. On the paternal side he is of German and English descent, while on the maternal side he is of German descent. His grandfather, Philip Sheafer, was born in Germany, and when a lad of seven summers was brought to this country. John Sheafer, father of our subject, was born in Bedford County, Pa., in the year of 1791, and in Somerset County married Eva Wagner, who was there born in the same year of her husband's birth. In 1818, they emigrated Westward, becoming pioneer settlers of Stark County. Mr. Sheafer went to Canada, where he worked at the plow business when a young man, but after coming to the Buckeye State gave his entire time and attention to farming. There were no improvements upon his land, except a little log cabin, but he transformed it into one of the best farms of the community, and made it his home until called to his final rest in 1861. In early life he was a Whig and a stanch Abolitionist. He served his township as Trustee. He was greatly opposed to secret societies. He read extensively, became well informed, and was one of the highly respected citizens of Stark County. His wife survived him about fourteen years and passed away in 1875.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sheafer were born eight children, four sons and four daughters, six of whom grew to mature years, but William, Mrs. Susan Hoover and Maria Jane are now deceased; one child died at the age of four years, and another at the age of sixteen. The members of the family who still survive are Mrs. Mary Bowman, Philip and Mrs. Margaret Young.

Our subject began his education in a log schoolhouse of primitive style and conned his lessons upon a slab used for seats. In the usual manner of farmer lads the days of his boyhood and youth were passed. He remained under the parental roof and cared for his parents until their deaths. He was first married on the 14th of May, 1852, Miss Sarah E. Trevetic becoming his wife. She was a native of this county, and died April 2, 1870. Four children were born of that marriage: Mary Jane, now deceased; Edward H., of Colorado; Emma, wife of George Gott, of Ft. Madison, Iowa; and Nettie F., wife of William McFarland, of Kansas. Mr. Sheafer was again married, February 22, 1872, his second union being with Mrs. Mary A. Groff, widow of John Groff. Their union has been blessed with a daughter, Eva B., who is still with her parents.

Mr. Sheafer has spent his entire life on the old homestead. He now owns one hundred and seventy acres of the old farm, which is under a high state of cultivation and well improved. He has devoted his energies to farming and stock-raising during the greater part of his business career, but

is now practically living a retired life, having rented his land. He has been industrious and enterprising, and the competency which he acquired thereby now enables him to lay aside all business cares.

In early life, Mr. Sheafer was a stanch Abolitionist, and when the Republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery, he joined its ranks and continued one of its supporters for many years. He has always been a stanch temperance man, and now votes with the Prohibition party. He has never been an office-seeker, but has served as Assessor of Lawrence Township. He holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canal Fulton, and has served in some of its official positions.

LOUIS A. VOGELGESANG. Stark County is the home of a great number of men who are gaining a livelihood by tilling the soil, and whose work is being carried on systematically and energetically. The home of the gentleman whose name introduces these paragraphs is on section 30, Plain Township, where he ranks among the most prominent farmers and stock-raisers of the section. He is a native of the county, having been born on his present farm April 4, 1837. He is a son of Isaac Vogelgesang, who was born in Germany in 1812.

Grandfather Isaac Vogelgesang was also born in the Fatherland, came to America in 1834, and making his way direct to Stark County, located in Canton Township, where he spent the rest of his life. The father of our subject, when a young man of twenty years, determined to see what lay in store for him in the New World, and, on coming hither, worked in New Jersey for eighteen months, when, being joined by his father, he came to this county, where he was identified with its early residents and best citizens. After his marriage, he moved to Plain Township and made his home on land owned by his father-in-law, which was improved with a log house. There he entered upon the arduous task of developing a good farm, upon which he remained until 1852, when he moved to section 31. He was a very industrious man and felt a commendable pride in the part which he had taken in the opening up of new sections, the development of the divers resources of the country and the advance of civilization. His death, which occurred October 14, 1876, at the age of sixty-four years, was the direct result of overwork. He exercised the elective franchise in behalf of Republican candidates, and was earnest in his advocacy of whatever would add to the prosperity of the people, and especially anxious to promote those movements which would give to the rising generation better opportunities than were enjoyed by their fathers. He was a devoted member of the Evangelical Church.

The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Mary A. Tream. She was also a native of Germany, her birth occurring in 1821, and was nine years of age when her parents emigrated to the United States. She reared a family of nine children, of whom our subject was the eldest, his brothers and sisters being Magdalena, Louisa, Jacob, Isaac J., Katie, Philip, Elizabeth and Emma. The wife and mother died February 8, 1882, and, like her husband, was a devoted member of the Evangelical Church. Her father, Peter Tream, was born in Germany in 1800, and on taking up his residence in America, came to Stark County, where he improved a valuable estate and was recognized as one of the most thrifty and influential farmers. A member of the German Reformed Church in early life, he later became identified with the Evangelical denomination, in the workings of which he took an active interest.

Louis A. Vogelgesang obtained his education in the early subscription schools of this section, and though the advantages which he enjoyed were not equal to those provided the youth of this day, they were sufficient to give him a practical understanding of important branches and fit him for the business transactions which lay before him. In 1860, he farmed the home place on shares, and as all his life had been spent in agricultural pursuits, was successful in his undertakings. December 29,

1859, he was married to Miss Agnes D. Dahlheim, who was born in Germany February 7, 1840, and came to America with her adopted parents, John and Augusta Dahlheim, who located in the village of Osnaburg.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vogelgesang have been born seven children, viz.: Louisa, Emma L., Isaac, Orwin, Charlie, Alfred and Edward. Our subject is the proprietor of one hundred and six acres of land, upon which he has placed substantial improvements and has gained a competence sufficient to supply every need, and their home is one where comfort and good cheer abound. In 1871, he built his present neat residence, and remodeled his barn in 1875. He devotes his attention to mixed farming and is a man of high reputation, who stands well with his fellow-citizens in all respects. With his wife, he is a prominent member of the Evangelical Church of Canton, and they number their friends among the best residents of this section.

Our subject is a Republican in politics, and is a man who has been greatly interested in school affairs, which has led him to be placed on the School Board, where he has done efficient service for the past three years. He is a man of pure character and lofty principle, who has ever exerted an influence for good in his community.

JAMES C. PARKS. The man who chooses the vocation of a farmer will in all probability be spared the excitement which belongs to some pursuits and the stirring events which characterize life in the centers of commerce. He has, however, abundant opportunities for the exercise of the sterling qualities of manhood and the exhibition of those habits which are worthy the emulation of mankind. Examples of unremitting zeal, sincere kindliness and strict integrity may be met with in every agricultural district of our country, and thus it affords us pleasure to embody in this volume the brief outline of the life of an unassuming citizen of Bethlehem Township who is well known and highly honored for his noble character and useful life.

A native of Stark County, our subject was born May 1, 1841, to Samuel and Mary E. (Barnett) Parks, natives of Ireland, where they were well-to-do and respected citizens. The parents, upon emigrating from their native isle, located in Perry Township, where they made their home for a short time, and in 1842 came to Bethlehem Township, where they were actively identified with its interests until the decease of the father, which occurred in 1866. The mother, who is still living, makes her home in Bolivar, this State.

The early life of young Parks was passed in no unusual manner in this county, and his primary studies were conducted in the district school. His advantages for obtaining an education, however, were far superior to that afforded the majority of farmer lads and the knowledge gained in the common schools was supplemented by a two-years course at Hiram Institute, during which time he had for his teacher the late President Garfield. After completing his education, Mr. Parks taught school for seven terms in his neighborhood and was fairly successful in his undertaking.

March 21, 1863, the original of this sketch enlisted in the Union army and joined Company A, Twelfth New York Cavalry. He participated in the principal battles in which the Eastern army was engaged, and during his term of service was under several of the most noted generals of that struggle. He saw much hardship while a soldier, and received his honorable discharge August 19, 1865, having served his country faithfully and well for a period of two years. He was mustered into service as a private and for valiant conduct on different occasions was promoted from time to time, until at the close of hostilities he occupied the rank of First Lieutenant.

When returning again to the peaceful pursuits of civic life, Mr. Parks came to Stark County and resumed his occupation of agriculturist and often during the dull winter season found time to teach school and keep up his studies. The lady to whom he was married May 29, 1867, was Miss

Elizabeth, daughter of Michael and Catherine Evans, formerly of Tuscarawas County, this State, but who are now deceased. By their union has been born a family of five children, all of whom are at home and who bear the respective names of Clarence M., Belle, Eva K., Maggie R., and Homer C.

Our subject is the proprietor of one hundred and nineteen acres of excellent land, which his persistent industry and good management have placed under the best methods of cultivation and and which is further embellished with suitable and numerous outbuildings. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and is favorably known throughout the county. His home is a pleasant and attractive one, and as an intelligent farmer, a worthy citizen, and a kind neighbor, Mr. Parks receives his due measure of respect from his fellow-citizens.

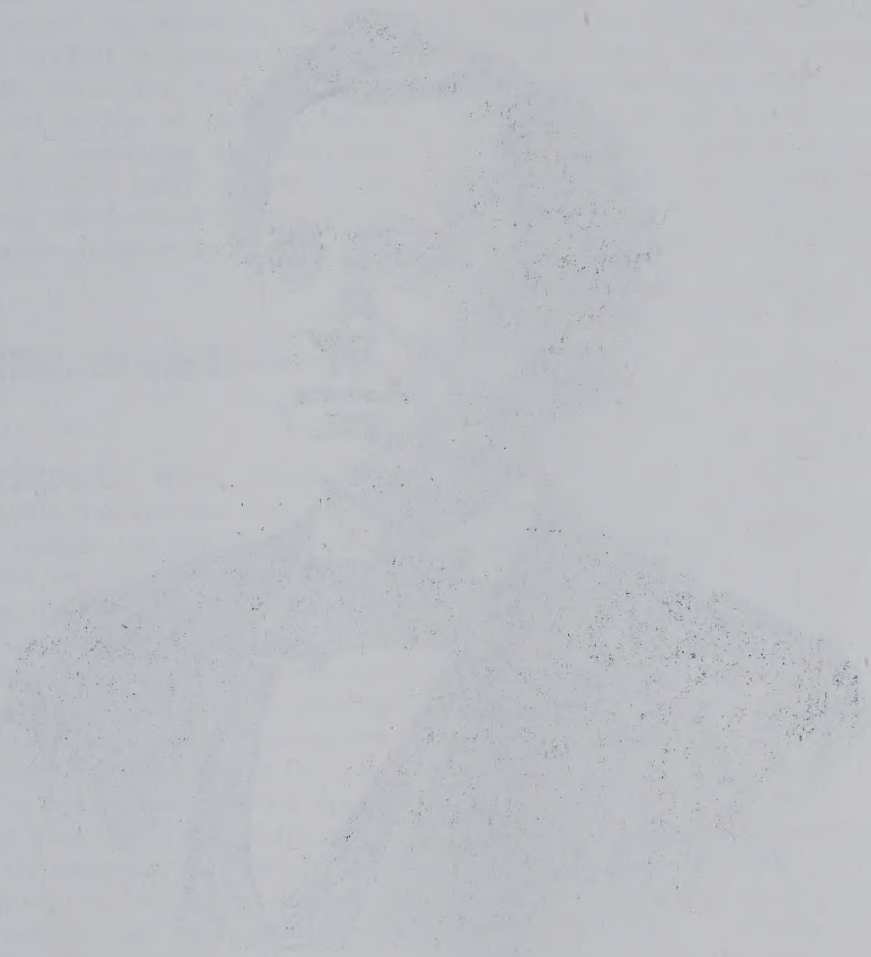
HON. JOHN M. STILLWELL. A prominent position among the citizens of Alliance is held by the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical notice, and who, during the period in which he served as Mayor of the city, was distinguished for his sturdy efforts to effect municipal reforms. A man of broad knowledge and superior ability, as well as the genial courtesy of manner which wins and retains friends, he merits the high regard in which he is held by all who know him.

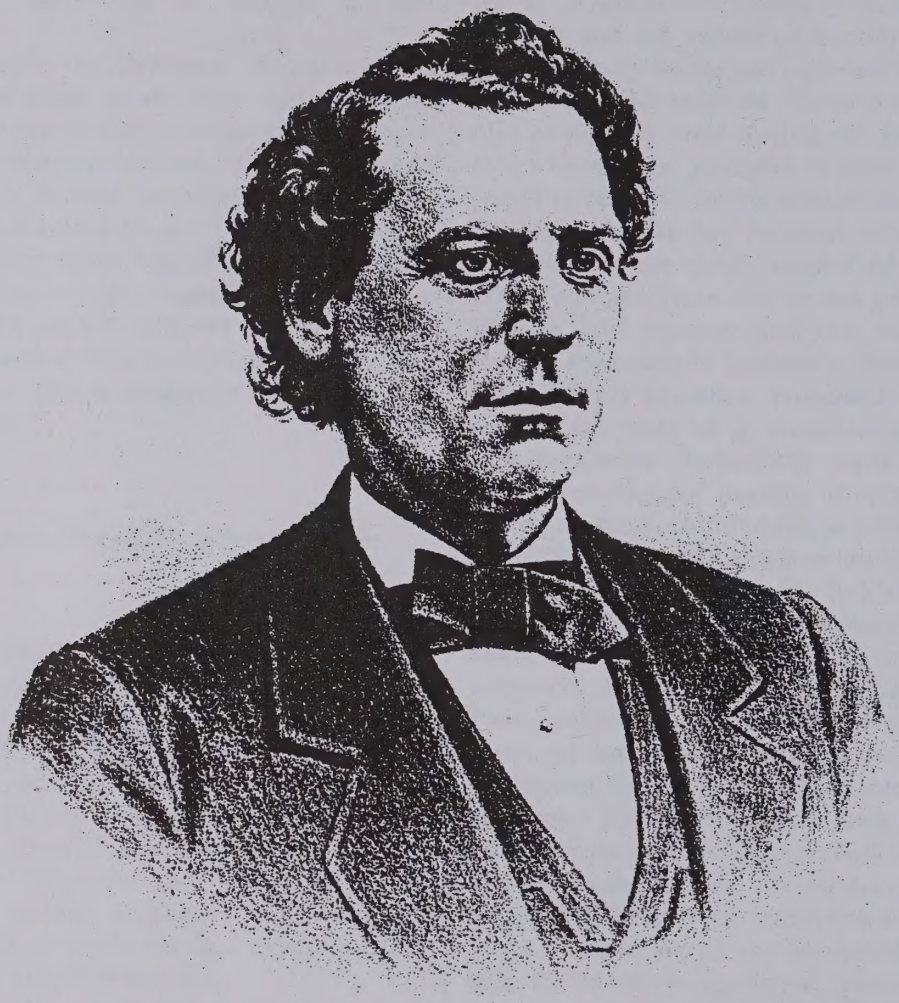
Mr. Stillwell is now in the prime of life, having been born October 17, 1845, and his birthplace is at Auburn, Geauga County, Ohio. His parents, Kortenus and Wait (Stafford) Stillwell, were natives respectively of Rhode Island and New York, and the father, who was a farmer by occupation, came West to Ohio at an early day, locating in Geauga County. After engaging in farming pursuits there for many years and accumulating a competency, he retired from active labors and came to Stark County in 1872, dying here nine years afterward. His wife survived him ten years, her death occurring in June, 1891.

The parental family consisted of five sons and one daughter, and four members of the family are still living. Joshua A. enlisted during the late war as a member of Company B, Second Ohio Cavalry, and was appointed Orderly-Sergeant, in which capacity he was serving when he was fatally wounded in the battle of Richmond, Ky. James died of typhoid fever during the war. Our subject, who was the youngest in order of birth, was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Geauga County, and was the recipient of an excellent education in the public schools of the district. When eighteen years old, he was graduated from Chagrin Falls Academy, and two years afterward finished the course in Eastman's Business College.

His literary education completed, Mr. Stillwell learned the trade of a machinist, and followed that occupation successfully until about 1881. Then, accepting the position of a salesman in a sewing-machine establishment, he remained in that connection for a time, and later conducted a thriving boot and shoe business. In his various connections, he gained the confidence of all who knew him by his reliable dealings and scrupulous integrity. In 1887, he was elected Justice of the Peace, which office he filled satisfactorily for three years, and until he was elected to the highest position within the gift of his fellow-townsmen—that of Mayor. His official career is fresh in the minds of the people of Stark County, and it is needless to dwell in detail upon the various measures introduced by him which resulted in the promotion of the best interests of the community. In addition to the above-mentioned positions, he has served as a member of the City Council one term, and was Township Clerk for three years, besides holding other local offices of trust.

In 1867, Mr. Stillwell was united in marriage with Miss Madora A. Niece, and they are the parents of one child, Mark. In his social connections, Mr. Stillwell is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias, having served officially in these several organizations. He has been a Representative of the Grand Lodge for the Masonic





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order and has the honor of the representation of the Knights of Pythias for the ensuing term (1892). He is actively identified with the Home Loan Mutual Association, one of the most flourishing enterprises of Alliance, and is at present serving in the capacity of Secretary. In fact, it may be said of him that no measure he proposes, having for its object the direct or indirect promotion of the welfare of the city, fails to secure his hearty co-operation and enthusiastic support; he is therefore justly entitled to consideration among the foremost citizens of Alliance, and an important factor in its growth.

JACOB FREDRICK HESS. Germany has furnished the Buckeye State with many estimable citizens, but she has contributed none more worthy of mention, or whose career has been such a complete success in every way, than the subject of this sketch. He has inherited all the thrift, energy and perseverance of his Teutonic ancestors as well as their great honesty and openheartedness. He is at present senior member of the firm of Hess, Snyder & Co., manufacturers, and is one of the far-seeing, practical business men of Massillon. He was born in Kandern, Baden, Germany, on the 28th of August, 1834, and remained in his native country until about twelve years of age, when he was brought to America by his parents.

His father, Jacob F. Hess, who was also a native of the Old Country, was a miner by occupation and was employed in the iron mines of Germany for many years. The numerous advantages to be derived from a residence in the United States, and particularly in Ohio, where many of his countrymen had made homes, were brought to his notice, and he decided to trust himself to Neptune's tender mercies and seek a home for himself in the New World. In 1846, he came with his family to America and made his way to Ohio, where he settled in Massillon. He entered the coal mines, and this was his principal occupation until his death in 1853. He was married in his native country to Miss Catherine Bomerlin, a native of Baden, and she was his faithful helpmate and counselor until his death. She received her final summons in Massillon in 1884. Both parents were of the good old German Protestant stock, and were classed among the representative citizens of Stark County. Their entire family of five children grew to mature years, and three are now living. The children were as follows: Christine (who became Mrs. Snyder) died near Albion, Calhoun County, Mich.; Catherine died in Massillon; J. F., our subject; Philip, a skilled mechanic, in the employ of Hess, Snyder & Co., and Leonard, a partner in the firm of Hess, Snyder & Co.

Our subject's boyhood days, until nearly twelve years of age, were passed amid the beautiful scenery of the River Rhine, and his playmates were of his own nativity. In the spring of 1846, the family went to Havre de Grace by way of Brazil and Paris, and made the journey in a large wagon, or what was termed in the United States in early days a "prairie schooner," drawn by four horses. They took passage at Havre de Grace on the steamer "South Carolina," and forty-nine days later landed at New York. They then came up the Hudson River to Albany, where they took the Erie to Buffalo, thence by steamer to Cleveland and by canal to Massillon.

The little schooling our subject received had been in the German language, and after reaching this country he picked up the English language without an instructor. All the knowledge he received in this way was by application and observation, but being naturally very apt and studious he became unusually well posted on all subjects. Almost as soon as he reached Massillon, he entered the coal mines and there worked for six years, after which he was apprenticed to learn the tinsmith trade with Patridge & Co., with whom he remained one year, then went with James Jacoby, remaining with him from 1852 to 1857. In the spring of the latter year, he started for California by way of the Isthmus, and after reaching San Francisco remained there a short time engaged in his trade in order to replenish his purse. With

two others, he then went North to the Cisque Mountains, Oregon, where he began prospecting and mining in placer diggings for over three years, in which he met with considerable success. He lived in regular miner's style, and when not engaged in mining was hunting wild animals that everywhere abounded. Indians were frequently seen but they were very peaceable and friendly, and he visited several Indian camps along the coast. While engaged in mining, our subject also ran a blacksmith shop in connection, and miners would come from four to six miles to have their tools sharpened. They were at times obliged to go quite a distance for provisions and supplies. At one time, when it was Mr. Hess' turn to go for provisions, the snow was ten feet deep and the place where he was to get his supplies was eight miles away. Not having any snow shoes, he made a pair from hoops taken from a tub, covered them with canvas and had very little trouble in making the trip. Newspapers were seldom seen in those days, but when they were received were read and re-read many times. He paid $1 a paper for two years when they could be bought for fifty cents apiece.

In the fall of 1860, he returned to Massillon, Ohio, stopping on the way a short time at Mexico and Aspinwall, Panama. After reaching Massillon, Mr. Hess followed his trade, and in partnership with a Mr. Smith, began dealing in stoves, etc., on South Erie Street. This partnership lasted about three years, when Mr. Hess started in business for himself on North Erie Street, and later his brother Leonard became his partner, and they conducted the business under the firm name of J. F. Hess & Brother from 1866 to 1882. They added plumbing and gas fitting, and in a few months were doing the most extensive business of any firm in the city. They built the brick block Nos. 9 and 11, and Mr. Hess now owns that. They also started a stove foundry at the corner of Erie and North Streets, and continued both enterprises until 1882, when they sold their tin store to Snyder & Schworm, and their plumbing and gas fitting department to Knapp & Dillon. In 1882, they formed a partnership with Snyder Bros. under the name of Hess, Snyder & Co., and they now carry on the manufacture of hot air furnaces, cook and heating stoves, as well as a machine and repair shop. They have met with remarkable success and have the largest enterprise of the kind in Massillon. Aside from this, Mr. Hess is the owner of considerable real estate in the city, and has a very comfortable and pleasant home on Oak Hill, where he owns several acres and has a beautiful yard and drive.

Mr. Hess married, in 1862, Miss Catherine Stahl, a native of Navarre, Ohio, and the daughter of Frederick Stahl. The following children have been born to this union: Ida, now Mrs. Frank Snyder, resides in Massillon; Frank resides in Massillon and is a salesman for Hess, Snyder & Co.; Emma, Albert, Anna, Dora and Maude, the five last named at home. All the children have had the best school advantages Massillon affords, and are bright and quick at learning. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are members of St. John's Evangelical Church and are liberal supporters of the same. Mr. Hess has always been a stanch Republican and believes in protection for American citizens. His first vote was for John C. Fremont.

S. T. KEITH, M. D., a leading physician of Alliance, connected with the Electric Sanitarium, is a native of Southern Illinois, born October 10, 1844. His father, Thomas H. Keith, who was born in Virginia, emigrated to Illinois, and thence to Ohio, locating in Stark County. He followed merchandising and farming as a means of livelihood. He now resides with our subject, in his eighty-seventh year. Three sons and two daughters of the family are yet living. Dr. Price, who was a graduate of the New York Medical College, died in Columbiana County, Ohio. Stephen; Dr. S. T.; John H.; Mrs. Unkefer, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Mrs. Heston, of Woodbine, Kan., are still living.

Our subject spent the greater part of his boy-

hood days upon a farm in Columbiana County, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools of Hanover. On the breaking out of the war, when only seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Company F, Seventy-sixth Ohio Infantry, and served throughout the struggle. He participated in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Resaca, the Atlanta campaign, and was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea. He endured many hardships, but escaped injury, and was never captured. When the war was over, he received his discharge in Columbus, in 1865.

Returning home, the Doctor embarked in the drug business in Hanoverton, and while thus engaged began reading medicine. He was graduated from the medical department of the State University, in Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1870. After a short time he went to Bloomington, Ill., where he was located for about two years. The scene of his labors was then changed to North Jackson, Ohio, and in 1880 he came to Alliance, where he has since engaged in practice. He makes a specialty of the treatment of chronic diseases with electricity and has been very successful. He established what is known as the Electric Sanitarium, his nephew, Charles S. Keith, being the manager of the institution. The Doctor has built up a large practice, and makes a specialty of the diseases of women and children, rheumatism, spinal diseases, kidney and liver trouble and paralysis. He also makes a specialty of removing tumors by electricity, and has made three wonderful cures. One patient, a paralytic, was cured in ten weeks. When he came to the Sanitarium, it took two men to handle him, and on leaving he could walk, climb or jump as well as any one. From all over the country he has received testimonials of the highest praise, including the following:

Pittsburgh, Pa., October 30, 1891.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, have recently received about one month's treatment by Dr. Keith at his Sanitarium with most gratifying results. My affliction consisted of nervous and spinal derangement of a chronic nature, including a serious curvature of the spine. My spine is now straight and perfectly normal, having remained so to this date, which is three weeks from the time of my last treatment. My general health has been greatly improved, and I feel that Dr. Keith's treatment has started me on the road to the acquisition of that inestimable blessing, a sound body. Language cannot express my gratitude. I most cheerfully tender this testimonial, with the earnest hope that it may influence many others among the afflicted to avail themselves of the rare skill and treatment offered at the Electric Sanitarium.

FLORENCE BONSALL.

Alliance, Ohio, November 2, 1891.

Being an uncle to the writer of the above letter and she having staid at my house during the time in which she was taking the electric treatment spoken of and so under my constant observation, I am fully able to corroborate all she says in regard to what the treatment has done for her. The rapidity and thoroughness of its effects have been truly wonderful.

M. C. PENNOCK,

President of the Alliance Banking Company, and hardware dealer.

In 1865, Dr. Keith married Miss Alice Boss, and unto them was born a son, now deceased. He was again married, in 1889, his second union being with Miss Jennie Fisher, of Canton, Ohio. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

HON. SAMUEL C. BOWMAN. It can not be expected in a work of this kind, where but brief biographical sketches of prominent citizens of the county are mentioned, that we can do justice to this much-esteemed and representative gentleman. And yet, he has been identified with the county so long, has aided so in its development, and his name is so familiar to all, that it is only just to dwell upon his career, not as empty words of praise, but the plain statement of a still plainer truth. He was born in Franklin County, Pa., near Chambersburgh, on the 5th of September, 1822, and his father and grandfather were natives of the Keystone State also. The latter, Abraham Bowman, first saw the light in the city of "Brotherly Love," and after reaching ma-

ture years followed agricultural pursuits in Lebanon County, that State. His ancestors came originally from Baden, about 1725, and settled in Philadelphia, where they were among the representative families.

Abraham Bowman, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Lebanon County, and was very early initiated into the duties of farm life. He married and followed agricultural pursuits in Franklin County until the year 1829, and then brought his wife and family by wagon and team to this State, settling one mile north from Massillon. He made many improvements in his place, was industrious and enterprising, and became the owner of three hundred acres of land. His death occurred in 1853. In politics, he was a Whig. His second marriage was to Miss Christina Krider, a native of Franklin County, Pa., and the daughter of John Krider, who was also born in Pennsylvania. Mr. Krider was a farmer, but in addition was a United Brethren preacher, and carried on his ministerial duties in his native State until his death. His father, Rev. Martin Krider, was also a minister in that church and assisted in organizing the conference. Mrs. Bowman died in 1868. Mr. Bowman's first marriage resulted in the birth of six children, all of whom are deceased, and to his second marriage were born ten children, eight of whom are living. One son, Adam, was in the One Hundred and Fourth Regiment during the Civil War, was captured and died in Andersonville. Isaac was Sergeant of the Twenty-third Indiana Battery and served through the entire war. He is now deceased. Another son, Rev. Martin Bowman, was Chaplain in an Iowa regiment, and now resides at Miller, Dak.

Hon. Samuel C. Bowman, the fourth in order of birth of the children born to his father's second marriage, remained in his native State until seven years of age, and in 1829 came with his parents to Stark County, Ohio. He divided his time in youth between assisting on the farm and in attending the schools taught in the log schoolhouse of those days. Later, he supplemented this education by a course in Edenburg Academy and Hayesville Academy, also in a select school in Massillon. When twenty-one years of age, or in 1843 and 1844, he engaged in teaching school in his township and taught with much success for ten years, principally during the winter season, but with an occasional summer school. In 1852, he located in Massillon, clerked for some time, and then bought his employer out. After this, he went in partnership with I. N. Doxsee in the tin business on Erie Street, and this firm continued for four years. Mr. Bowman was then in partnership with a Mr. Taylor in the milling business, under the firm name of Taylor & Bowman, and later returned to the hardware business. In May, 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio National Guards, and was mustered in as Second Lieutenant of Company A, and served in Columbus for the most part. He was mustered out in September of the same year.

Returning to his home, he resumed milling, and later embarked in the hardware business again, but in the fall of 1869 he was elected to represent Stark County in the State Legislature. So ably and satisfactorily did he fill this honorable position that he was re-elected in 1871, serving two terms. The last two years he was Chairman of the Committee on Geology, Mines and Mining, also on other committees. In 1872, he cast his vote for John Sherman. In politics, he is an ardent admirer of the principles of the Republican party, and has been a delegate to county and State conventions. He was a member of the State Republican Central Committee from this district. Our subject continued in the hardware business until 1880, when he closed out, and the same year was elected a member of the State Board of Equalization. From 1884 until 1886, he held the position of Mayor, and his administration was marked by the many necessary improvements made in the city. He has also been a member of the Council at different times and was President for some time. He is at present Justice of the Peace, has been Township Trustee for ten years, and was a member of the School Board for one term. He is prominent in all good work and is one of the representative men of the county.

On the 4th of January, 1849, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Sour, a native of Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio (then Stark County),

and the daughter of Jacob Sour, a farmer and early settler of that county. One child has been the result of this union, Ida, who was graduated in Massillon, and is now Mrs. Otto Uhlendorff. Mr. Bowman has shown his appreciation of secret organizations by becoming a member of the Masonic fraternity in 1855. He is a Knight Templar in that order, and has been Past Eminent Commander six different times.

PHILIP KRISHER. This name will be recognized by our readers throughout the county as one of its former prominent citizens, who was born in Massillon, June 16, 1838. During his life, he devoted his time and attention to cultivating the soil, and derived a good income from his operations, and in many ways aided in the development and upbuilding of Perry Township.

Peter and Catherine Krisher, the parents of our subject, were born in Germany, and were early settlers in this section. Philip of this sketch, when reaching mature years, learned the trade of a molder, which he followed for some time, working for a number of years in the shops of Russell & Co. His education, which was very limited, was obtained in the primitive schools, but nevertheless fitted him to take charge of a home and the oversight of a family. March 4, 1861, he was married to Miss Catherine Gaharas, who was born January 2, 1843, in Germany, and was a daughter of Peter and Catherine Gaharas, both of whom were also natives of the Fatherland, and are now deceased. When in her eighth year, Mrs. Krisher emigrated to America with her parents, who located in Massillon, where the father, who followed his trade of a stone-mason, spent the remainder of his life.

Of the fourteen children born to our subject and his wife, we make the following mention: Clara (now Mrs. Bordner), George, Mary, Philip, William, Charles, Cora, Frank, Reuben, Edward Alice, Ida, Herbert and Earl. In the spring of 1874, Mr. Krisher located with his family upon the farm where his widow now resides, and where his decease occurred February 10, 1886. As an agriculturist, he occupied a prominent place as one who understood his calling and pursued it with energy. Among his fellow-citizens, he bore the reputation of an industrious and honest man, whose association with his neighbors was on a footing of kindness and good-will, and who, in his domestic relations, was affectionate and considerate.

He of whom we write in his religious affairs was a devoted member of the Evangelical Church. Socially, he was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, in which body he was an active worker. In politics, he cast his vote with the Republican party, and as a gentlemen who was interested in the growth of his township, his example may well be emulated by the younger generation. Mrs. Krisher is not only a capable housewife, but possesses a Christian character, being a consistent member of the Evangelical Church. Since the death of her husband, she has, with the aid of her sons, carried on the operations of her farm, in which she takes great interest. The estate includes one hundred acres, upon which is built a neat and tasteful residence, which is not only attractive in its external appearance, but is furnished in a manner in keeping with the circumstances and tastes of its owner.

HENRY S. FOLTZ. The broad acres and pleasant home of which Mr. Foltz is the proprietor, and which are located in section 19, Jackson Township, are among its most pleasing features, and are a standing monument to his thrift, industry and perseverance. He is an excellent financier, having good judgment and fine business ability, as his property attests, and in the enjoyment of a good income and surrounded by his family, he finds that life is in-

deed worth living. A native of Blair County, Pa., he was born March 9, 1849, a son of Adam Foltz, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. The latter came to America at the age of fourteen years with his parents, and for some time was a resident of Franklin County, Pa., but in Blair County of that State he espoused Miss Margaret Stone, her birth having occurred in Bedford County, Pa. From the time of their marriage until their respective deaths, at the age of sixty-one and forty-four years, they were residents of Blair County, where they reared a family of four sons and three daughters, only two members of which family are now living: the subject of this sketch and his sister Sarah, the wife of Isaac Kurtz, of Osborne County, Kan.

Henry S. Foltz was the third son and sixth child born to his parents, and until he was twenty-one years of age he resided in his native county, where he was given the advantages of the common schools. He became familiar with the details of agriculture on his father's farm, and, after coming to Ohio, followed that occupation as an employe of others. He was married in Stark County, Ohio, December 24, 1878, to Miss Ellen Sprankel, the daughter of Henry and Susanna (Howenstein) Sprankel, notice of whom is given in the sketch of E. J. Sprankel. Mrs. Foltz was born on the farm on which she is now residing, although Mr. Foltz first located after his marriage in section 19, where he successfully tilled the soil until 1888, when he moved to where he now resides. His estate embraces one hundred and eighty acres of well-tilled and fertile land, on which he is giving his attention to general farming and stock-raising. He has not been exempt from the hardships of life, for he started to make his own way in the world with no means whatever, but he has never allowed disappointment or discouragement to cloud his hopes of ultimate success, and this has, without doubt, been a greater factor in his success in life.

He is a stanch Republican in politics, and is a well-posted and intelligent man, who has profited by the wide-spread spirit of journalism. His record is one of more than usual interest, owing to the fact that he had to make his own way in the world, and is well worthy of emulation by young men who have to fight life's battles unaided. He is a supporter of the cause of education, and is giving his children all the advantages that lie within his power. To himself and wife three sons and three daughters have been born: Katie, Edith, Amanda, and Harry living, and Henry and Homer deceased.

JOHN L. ARNOLD. The vocation of an undertaker is essentially a very delicate one and it involves for its successful prosecution peculiarly important qualifications, which but comparatively few individuals possess; and it is only by long experience, as well as natural aptitude, that a man is able to discharge his duty in that relation to the entire and unqualified satisfaction of those most deeply interested. Among the prominent houses engaged in this line of business, as well as the retail and wholesale furniture business, is that of John L. Arnold. This gentleman was born in Bavaria, Germany, in April, 1865, and his boyhood days were passed in his native country, where he received a common-school and collegiate education, working during the day and attending night school until sixteen years of age. His father was a furniture manufacturer in Bavaria and our subject remained under the parental roof and assisted his father in the factory until seventeen years of age.

At that age, our subject decided that America was the land of promise for a struggling and ambitious young man, and he subsequently crossed the ocean to the United States. Landing in New York City, he went from there to Cincinnati, where he passed one winter. In the following spring, he went to Canal Dover and there worked at the cabinet-maker's trade for three years, when he formed a partnership with H. Worm, under the firm name of Worm & Arnold, and embarked in the retail furniture business in Zanesville, Ohio. Later, he sold out to his partner, and in the spring

of 1888 came to Canton, where he purchased the stock of George and Frank Sharer and continued the business at the same stand, No. 34 North Market Street, and then removed to his present location, No. 42 North Market Street. The store-house is a fine five-story brick building, 24x130 feet, built especially for the furniture business, the whole structure from basement to garret being occupied by Mr. Arnold. His stock is large and varied, consisting of the latest and most fashionable bedroom suits, parlor suits, and, in fact, everything kept in a first-class furniture store. He has a large trade and is popular with his customers, employing five clerks and seven men in the business. He keeps a fine stock of caskets of all sizes and make, and takes charge of all the details of funerals entrusted to his care, supplying carriages and equipments, etc.

He selected his life companion in the person of Miss Flora Gentz, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and their nuptials were celebrated in the year 1886. Three interesting children, two sons and one daughter, have been born to this union. Mr. Arnold is a member of the Young Men's Business Association and is one of the foremost men of the county. He is a prominent Mason, member of Eagle Lodge, Canton Chapter, Canton Commandery, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and is very active in social circles. He has a commodious and comfortable residence at No. 57 Newton Street, and is well fixed in life. He began business with very limited means, and by his industry and perseverance has been successful in all his undertakings.

CYRUS YOUNG was one of the most prominent farmers of Stark County, where he spent his entire life. He was born on a farm on section 36, Jackson Township, November 15, 1834, and was a son of Adam and Christina (Kirk) Young, both of whom were natives of the Keystone State, and became early settlers of Stark County, Ohio. When our subject was about five years of age, his parents removed from Jackson to Lawrence Township, where he was reared and educated.

After attaining to mature years, Mr. Young of this sketch married Margaret Sheafer, who was born in Lawrence Township, December 1, 1836, and is of German descent. Her grandfather, Philip Sheafer, was born in Germany, and came to America when seven years of age. Her father, John Sheafer, was born in Bedford County, Pa., in 1793, and came to Stark County, Ohio, in 1818, locating on section 27, Lawrence Township. He was a plow-maker, and manufactured the old plows with the wooden mold-board. Before coming to the West, he was married in Somerset County, Pa., to Eva Wagner, who was born in that county in 1791. Her father was also of German birth. Mr. and Mrs. Sheafer continued to reside upon the farm which he improved in this county until his death, which occurred in 1861. He was a Whig in politics, and served his township as Trustee. His wife passed away in 1875. They were highly respected people and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in this community. Their family numbered eight children, four sons and four daughters. One child died at the age of four years and another at sixteen years, while the remaining six grew to manhood and womanhood, but William and Susan are now deceased. The living are Mrs. Mary Bowman; Philip; Mrs. Margaret Young; and Maria Jane.

Margaret Sheafer spent the days of her maidenhood in Lawrence Township, and remained under the parental roof until the 8th of June, 1848, when she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Young. Six sons and four daughters were born of their union, and, with one exception, all grew to mature years: Letitia J. is now the wife of J. W. Myers, of Canal Fulton; William S. resides in Dakota; Clement R. died in 1859; Frances E. is the wife of Philip Marganthaler, of Massillon; Mary M. is the wife of G. W. Leonard, of Cleveland; Charles F. wedded Isabella M. Walter; A. Lincoln is living in Greenville, Ohio; Cyrus O. resides in Lawrence Township; Philip is married and makes his home with his mother; and Violet M. is the wife of Loren

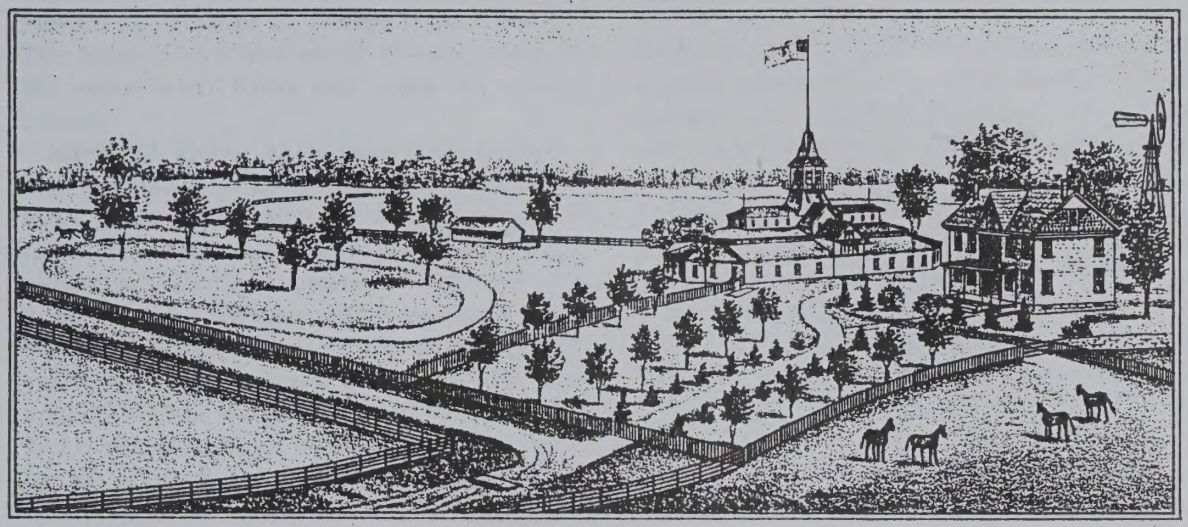
C. Wyse, of Canton. Mrs. Young also has twenty-two grandchildren.

After his marriage, Mr. Young continued to run a threshing-machine in this county for eight years. He then purchased a tract of land and devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising, becoming one of the prominent agriculturists of the community. He was a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and was widely and favorably known in his native county. In politics, he was a stanch Prohibitionist during the last six years of his life and took an active part in the upbuilding and promotion of that party. His death occurred on April, 10, 1881, and his loss was mourned by many friends as well as by his immediate family. Mrs. Young, a most estimable lady, still resides on the old homestead, and her fine farm is one of the best in the county.

EDWARD J. MEYER, proprietor of the Meyer's Lakeside Horse Farm, which is beautifully located in the suburbs of Canton, two miles from the Court House, is a representative of one of the earliest families of Stark County. His entire life has here been passed, he having been born in this county, April 9, 1858. The great-grandfather, Francis Meyer, was a Colonel under Napoleon, and served in a number of wars under that famous general. He was on the Russian expedition, during which he saw the burning of Moscow, and was commander of a division of troops at the battle of Waterloo.

Andrew Meyer, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the ancient city of Bonn, on the Rhine, and at an early age entered the Austrian service and fought against the Turks. He was also in the French army for some time. He came to America in the latter part of the eighteenth century and settled in Baltimore, Md., where he worked as a brass molder and burnisher for the Government, during the early part of the War of 1812. He was also an officer in that war. He commanded troops at the battle of Bladenburg, and was one of the few who stood his ground in that disastrous engagement. For his bravery his General presented him with a fine rifle, which was one of his highly prized possessions through life. He was also at the bombardment of Baltimore. He came to Stark County in 1817, and purchased of Bazelee Wells twenty-two hundred acres of land, lying to the west and north of Canton and partly within the city limits, and for which he paid $11 per acre. He erected a house in the timber and there resided until 1822, when he began the erection of the large brick residence now occupied by our subject. The brick for this house was made on the farm, and the wood for finishing was hauled by wagon over the mountains from Baltimore, Md., and the flooring from Steubenville, Ohio. That residence in those days was considered a great curiosity, and people came from miles around to see it. Mr. Meyer devoted his life to superintending the clearing and developing his land. He was a man of large means and contributed liberally to everything pertaining to the upbuilding and promotion of the county's best interests. Indians were numerous when he settled here, and the squaws often came to his house to beg milk and bread for their papooses. Deer were plentiful and he killed many of them. His death occurred in Stark County in 1848, at the age of eighty-eight years.

Joseph Meyer, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Stark County, and educated at Emmitsburg College, of Maryland. He devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits. He owned fifteen hundred acres of land, which was operated under his personal supervision, and he raised large quantities of grain and much stock, including some very fine horses. He was a man of excellent business ability, was very progressive in his business ideas, and made his farm one of the best in Ohio. He also did much for the development and improvement of the county. He and the other heirs to his father's large farm gave twenty acres of land in the corporate limits of Canton for the site of the present Dueber-Hampden Watch Manufacturing Company, a mammoth establishment employing eleven hundred hands. Mr. Meyer mar-



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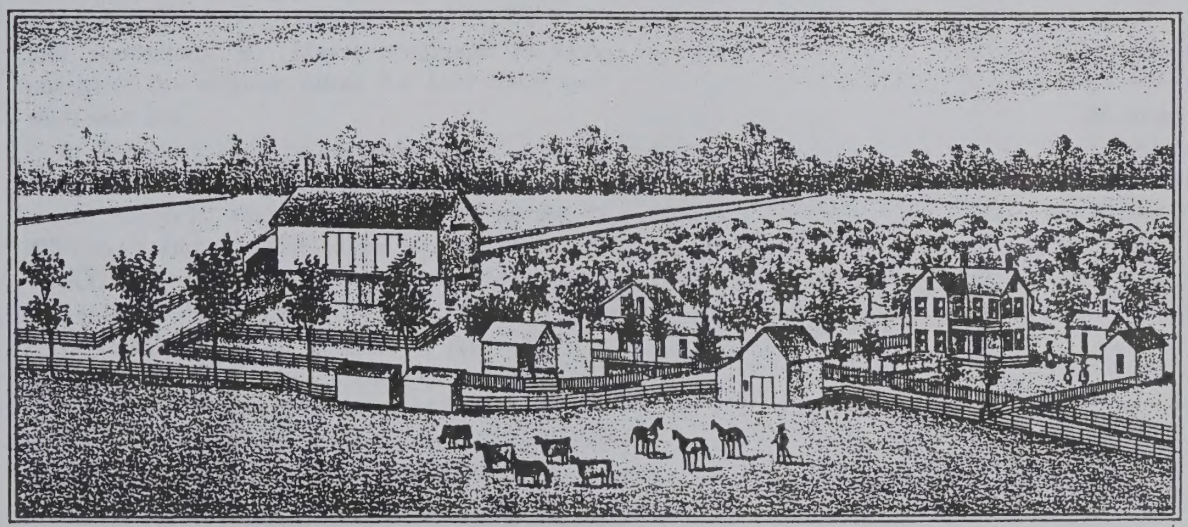


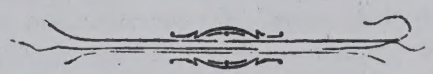
RESIDENCE OF FREDERICK BECK, SEC. 34., TUSCARAWAS TP., STARK CO., O.

ried Catherine A. Meyer, of Baltimore, Md., and unto them were born five children: Elizabeth L., Edward J., Catherine C., George W. and Henry C. The father died at the age of fifty-six years, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Canton.

Edward J. Meyer, whose name heads this sketch, attended college in Louisville, and afterward spent three years in Emmitsburg College, where his father was educated. Subsequently, he was graduated from Duff's Commercial College, of Pittsburg, in 1876. He then settled on a farm on the Fulton road, west of Canton, where he resided three years, when he purchased the Meyer Lake property. This lake is two miles northwest of Canton and is named in honor of his grandfather. When our subject purchased the lake, it was almost a stagnant pool, but he cleared and has finely improved it. He built the Lakeview Hotel and transformed the place into an elegant summer resort. Largely through his instrumentality, the electric street cars were built from the city to this place, and thousands of people now go there almost daily for sport and recreation. Mr. Meyer continued to have charge of the summer resort for four years and then sold out.

In December, 1881, he married Helen C. Patton, a native of Canton, and unto them has been born a son, Joseph E., who is now attending school in Cleveland, Ohio. Their home is a palatial residence, one of the finest in the State. In politics, our subject is a Democrat.

In 1883, Mr. Meyer bought his present finely improved farm of three hundred acres from his brother, and began the breeding of fast horses. In 1889, the large training barn was built. It was designed by Mr. Meyer, and is said to be the finest of its kind in the United States. He has a covered track running around the barn, a tenth of a mile in extent, and inside for training in the winter and bad weather, and a half-mile track in the rear of the barn. Upon the place are many finely-bred horses, including "Black Cloud," the fastest Mambrino stallion in the world, with a record of 2:17¼. This horse was purchased and taken from Kentucky to Michigan by Gen. Custer, and after the death of the General, he was the object of prolonged litigation. He made his record of 2:17¼ in the great champion stallion race in Chicago, in 1882. Another notable horse owned by Mr. Meyer is "Bud Crooke," a fine stallion, with a pacing record of 2:18¼. He is the fastest pacing entire son of "George Wilkes," and the third fastest entire son in the world. Another stallion, with a running record of 1:44½, is "Wanba." He was bred by Charles W. Bradley, of Richmond, Ky. Mr. Meyer also has a number of younger horses of great promise, among which are "Glassville" and "Pinkmink," the latter a beautiful seal-brown, with a three-year record of 2:40, son of the famous "Black Cloud." He also has upon his farm the great-great-granddaughter of the horse his grandfather rode to Stark County from Baltimore, Md., in 1817. The horses have been kept and bred on the farm ever since, and are very high-spirited and fine animals. The training barn is undoubtedly one of the best, if not the best, in the country. There is nothing lacking, and in some departments the barn is almost palatial. Mr. Meyer is unexcelled as a judge of horses, and is a true lover of the noble steed. He is a young and wealthy citizen of Stark County, very popular, and his success has been well deserved. He has acquired much of his property through his own efforts. In business, he is methodical and systematic, reliable in all things, enterprising and progressive. Under a large oak tree standing in Mr. Meyer's yard, Beaver Cap, the famous Chief of the Wyandottes, at one time had his cabin. A large spring rises out of the earth near the tree.



J. FREDERICK BECK. The brightest day-dream to many in lands far across the sea is of the time when they can seek their fortunes in America, the land of whose resources they have heard such wonderful tales, and where opportunities are said to be far superior to those of the countries in which they live. Stark

County has become the home of many foreigners who have carried out the dream of their early lives and have, indeed, seen the fruition of their hopes since they crossed the briny deep. One of this number is Frederick Beck, who is now residing in Tuscarawas Township and is engaged in the honorable occupation of a farmer.

As the name denotes, Mr. Beck is a German, and his birth occurred in Bavaria, November 7, 1835. He is the son of John L. and Margaret Beck, and acquired a good practical education in the excellent schools of the country. In 1849, he apprenticed himself to learn the baker's trade, and after working at this for three years, mastered the business, which he followed after coming to America until 1884, since which time he has been engaged in cultivating the soil.

Having fully determined to test the truth of the things he had heard regarding the United States, Mr. Beck crossed the Atlantic in 1866, setting sail from Bremen, and after a tedious voyage of twenty-four days landed on American shores. Thence he went directly to Cincinnati, where he followed his trade for some time, and then came to Massillon, where he was similarly employed for six years, at the end of which time he went to Akron, this State, where he prosecuted his trade of a baker for ten years on his own account, and was more than ordinarily successful in his undertaking.

The marriage of our subject was solemnized March 17, 1874, at which time Miss Catherine, daughter of John and Martha (Hoover) Whitmore, became his wife. Her father is deceased, but her mother, who is now one of the oldest pioneers in the county, has reached her eighty-second year. By their union, Mr. and Mrs. Beck have become the parents of four children, namely: Julius J., Joseph A., Augusta F., and Catherine M.

He of whom we write located upon his present farm in 1884, and his estate comprises a quarter-section of valuable land, upon which he has placed the best of improvements in the way of buildings and machinery. He is self-made in all that the term implies, as his snug little fortune has been the result of his own untiring industry and good management. In his political relations, he is independent, reserving the right to vote for the man whom he considers will best fill the position. He is a conscientious member of the Lutheran Church, and, socially, is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Massillon. In his contact with mankind, Mr. Beck is honorable as well as kindly inclined, and he therefore has the confidence of business men and the friendship of neighbors and acquaintances.

JOHN F. HUDSON, M. D. The profession of the physician is perhaps one of the most trying on brain and body of any in the field of science, for it absorbs the attention of him who practices it conscientiously, both day and night, and brings into play the most versatile powers of his being. Dr. Hudson was born in Stark County, Ohio, on a farm four miles south of Canton, August 17, 1852, to John and Hannah (Long) Hudson, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, and died in 1866 at the age of fifty-one years, having been a carpenter and joiner by trade. The mother was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1812, and died in the month of October, 1872. She was a daughter of Maj. William Long, and was a lady whose many estimable qualities endeared her to a large circle of friends.

Dr. John F. Hudson passed a rather uneventful boyhood, but received the inestimable advantages of being reared on a farm, for the pure air of the country and a suitable amount of labor for the development of his muscles tended to further strengthen his constitution and fit him for his future laborious calling. His early intellectual training was received in the common schools near his home, but he afterward spent two years in Canton Academy, and three years in Hiram College, Ohio. After teaching school for a time he began to lay the foundation for a medical career, his kindly nature instinctively turning to that field of human suffering for his life work, a profession whose noiseless, yet ofttimes marvelous, triumphs are unknown to the multitude. After reading for some

time with Dr. R. P. Johnson, of Canton, he began taking a course of lectures in the medical department of the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, at which he was graduated in 1882. After practicing his profession with success for three years at North Industry, Ohio, he came to Canton, which city has since been the scene of his labors. His practice has steadily increased, fully keeping pace with his increasing reputation as a remarkably successful physician, and he is now in the enjoyment of a lucrative practice. Soon after entering upon his practice, the public began showing its appreciation of his ability, his earnest effort, and his conscientious devotion to the duties of his profession, as it always shows appreciation of genuine merit. He has the tact which makes fast friends of his patients, and he has the suave, polished and courteous manners which make him a favorite in social circles. He is a member of several medical organizations and socially belongs to the Knights of Pythias. On the 7th of July, 1882, he was married to Miss Miranda Sinclair, of Sparta, Stark County, Ohio, a daughter of John C. Sinclair, and their marriage has resulted in the birth of two sons: R. Earl and Henry C.

Dr. Hudson has a pretty residence in the town, and here he and his wife dispense a refined and cordial hospitality to their many friends.

CHARLES VALENTINE HAMMERSMITH, who is engaged in the insurance business at Massillon, represents the Ohio Farmers' Niagara of New York, Franklin Fire of Philadelphia and the Washington Union of Cleveland, all fire insurance companies. Mr. Hammersmith is a native of this county, having been born in Perry Township, two miles northeast of this city, June 1, 1855. His father, Adam Hammersmith, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and when a boy came to America and located in Massillon, where he worked out on farms for a time and later learned the cabinetmaker's trade. Mr. Hammersmith, after following that line of work for some time, became a pattern-maker and engaged to work for Hart & Brown.

In the fall of 1854, the father of our subject purchased a farm, upon which he resided and at the same time worked in the shops of Russell & Co., walking to the city every day. His farm comprises sixty-five acres of well-improved land, upon which he has erected buildings of every description. In November, 1879, he assumed the agency of the Ohio Farmers' Fire Insurance Company in partnership with our subject and met with more than ordinary success in his undertakings. He has been very prominent in local affairs and has served in the responsible positions of Constable, Justice of the Peace, and Township Trustee. In his political relations, he is a Democrat and a devoted member of the Catholic Church. The maiden name of his wife was Margaret Fries; she was also born in Bavaria, Germany, and was the daughter of John Fries; she came to the United States in 1833, when very small.

Of the four children who grew to mature years, our subject is the youngest of the family. He was given an excellent education, supplementing the knowledge gained in the common schools by an attendance of three terms in the Smithville Academy and was later graduated from the High School at Massillon in the Class of '79. He then took a course in the Commercial College at Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1881. After completing his studies, Mr. Hammersmith continued on the farm and also worked with his father in the insurance business until 1888, when he located in Massillon and devoted his entire time and attention to his present business.

August 29, 1883, our subject and Miss Annie E., daughter of Jacob Henrich were united in marriage. Her father was a native of Germany and a shoemaker by trade. He is now living a retired life, however, having accumulated a sufficiency of this world's goods to keep him in peace and plenty. Her mother who also was a native of Germany, bore the maiden name of Mary Kessel and came with her parents to this country, where she was married. The father was a Democrat in politics and a Catholic in religion.

Mr. Henrich was a fine musician and for a time

was cornet instructor and leader of the old silver band. The three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hammersmith are Anthony A., Mary A., and John Valentine. The parents are members in good standing of the Catholic Church and the father in politics is a Democrat. He is a man who has always met with success in worldly affairs and ranks high in commercial circles. Fortune having smiled upon his efforts, he is numbered among the wealthy citizens of this place, having a good business and owning a fine residence, where he and his family enjoy all the comforts that heart can desire and money purchase.

DAVID ERB. The agricultural districts of this great Commonwealth are the homes of scores of worthy men whose lives have been spent in such a manner as to win the respect of those with whom they associate, while their well-directed efforts have resulted in comfortable homes and many enjoyments. In Stark County frequent representatives of this class may be found and one of them is he whose history will be outlined in these paragraphs. His home is located on section 15, Tuscarawas Township, where he has a thoroughly tilled farm, consisting of eighty-two acres, whereon may be found such buildings as are made necessary by the extent of his work or will increase the comfort of his home life.

Mr. Erb was born in Lancaster County, Pa., May 29, 1818, and is the son of Joseph and Sarah Erb. His parents were also natives of the Keystone State and his great-grandfather Erb was born in Germany. Owing to the comparatively new surroundings of his boyhood, our subject received but a limited education, the early public schools of his native State having in their curriculum only the common branches. In these he was well grounded and being imbued with native intelligence and a desire for information, he has by reading, observation and experience become well informed. When sixteen years of age, he left home and learned the trade of a boot and shoemaker, which he followed for ten years.

He of whom we write was married, September 23, 1851, to Miss Maria Yost, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, August 10, 1823. She was a daughter of John and Mary Yost, who were also natives of the Fatherland, and when seven years of age accompanied them on their emigration to America. The family lived for a time in Philadelphia, whence they later removed to Montgomery and then to Lancaster County, that State; where they spent their last days. Mr. and Mrs. Erb are the parents of five children, four of whom are living, namely: Franklin Y., Henry, Linda, and John. Charles is deceased.

In 1853, our subject with his wife and one child emigrated to this State and after making their home a short time in Wayne County, came the same year to Stark County, locating in Tuscarawas Township, where they now reside, and where he has since been classed among its best agriculturists. His intelligence, interprising nature and honorable dealings have given him an excellent standing in business circles, where his word is considered as good as his bond. He has materially contributed to the growth of Stark County, and since residing here has taken an interest in its welfare.

WILLIAM H. BRAUCHER. When the agriculturists of any community are composed of men and women of courage, enterprise, intelligence and integrity, prosperity will attend all departments of their work, and this is pre-eminently the case with the farmers of Stark County, of whom Mr. Braucher is one of the foremost. He was born in the township in which he is now residing May 8, 1838, to John and Anna (Lichtenwaller) Braucher, the former of whom was born in Somerset County, Pa., March 1, 1811, and the latter in Ohio, August 27,

1817, their marriage taking place in the latter State January 14, 1836. After the celebration of this event, they located on a farm in Jackson Township, on which had been erected a small log house and a log barn, and this place continued to be their home until 1846, when they moved to the farm on which the subject of this sketch now lives. In 1867, he removed to section 11, of Jackson Township, but at the end of six months returned to the old homestead, where he spent his last days, dying September 30, 1885, his wife's death occurring on the 24th of September, 1853.

The paternal grandfather, Daniel Braucher, was a Pennsylvanian, who came to Ohio in 1822, becoming one of the first settlers of Stark County. He settled on a farm in Jackson Township, on which no improvements had been made, but at once erected thereon a small log house, which was without windows, doors or a floor, and on this farm remained until his death in 1853. The maternal grandfather, Jacob Lichtenwaller, was also born in Pennsylvania and was an early settler of Stark County, Ohio. After the death of his first wife, John Braucher married Christina Mutchler, November 15, 1855, at which time she was thirty-two years of age. His first union resulted in the birth of four sons and four daughters: Sarah, deceased; William H.; Manias, who was killed in the battle of Buzzard's Roost; Polly, wife of John Young; Alban, a resident of Noble County, Ind.; Catherine M., wife of Isaac Hossler, of this county; and two children that died in infancy.

William H. Braucher was given the advantages of the schools near his home and until he was twenty-eight years of age he made his home under the shelter of the parental roof. September 23, 1866, he was married to Miss Ellen S. Barnhard, a native of Adams County, Pa., where she was born February 13, 1842. At the age of eight years, she was brought by her parents, John and Salome (Nott) Barnhard, to Stark County, Ohio, and here grew to womanhood and was married. Her father and mother were seventy-one and eighty years of age respectively at the time of their deaths. Of six children born to them, Mrs. Braucher was the eldest. After his marriage, Mr. Braucher located on the farm on which he now lives, and here his six children were born: Alban Henry, a carpenter by trade; John Harvey, who has attended the Capitol University of Columbus, Ohio, for two and a half years; Orin Edwin, Leo William, George W. T. and Anna Salome.

Mr. Braucher's land comprises one hundred and fifty-eight acres, all of which is well improved. He has tilled this land ever since boyhood, for it is his father's old homestead, and every foot of the ground is dear to him. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and keeps a good grade of horses, cattle and hogs. Politically a Democrat, he has been Township Treasurer and Assessor, the duties of which positions he ably discharged. He and his family are members of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, in which he has been a Deacon for many years, and in which he is an active worker.

MATHIAS GROVEMILLER occupied a foremost place among the farmers of Stark County. His farm, which comprised one hundred and seventy-seven and one-half acres, was one of surpassing fertility, which was very carefully cultivated, yielding excellent crops, and its improvements were substantial and included everything necessary for conducting agriculture properly. Since his death, which occurred February 26, 1875, the farm has been operated by his excellent wife and sons.

Like many of the best residents of this county, our subject was born across the ocean in Germany, the date thereof being 1816. In 1833, when a young man, he determined to seek his home in America, and on coming hither made his way direct to this county and located in the city of Canton, where he resided for a number of years. In the spring of 1861, he took up his abode in Perry Township, locating on a farm where his widow is at present residing. He was married March 4, 1861, to Miss Mary Smith, who was born in this county, October 4, 1833. She was the daughter of

John and Nancy (Schriever) Smith, the former of whom was a native of Lancaster County, Pa. He removed to this county at an early day, however, where his death occurred in October, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Grovemiller became the parents of six children, viz.: John; Emma, Mrs. Jacob Baunach; William, Amanda, Lydia and Edward.

Mr. Grovemiller of this sketch was a man of excellent reputation, thrifty and skillful in the management of his affairs, and was one of the solid citizens of the township. He was a member of the German Reformed Church and was a devout Christian, as was shown by his conduct in all the affairs of life. In his political relations, he voted with the Democratic party. He received an excellent education in the model schools of his native country, and when old enough to choose an occupation for himself became a farmer.

The farm which our subject left at his decease comprised one hundred and seventy-seven and one-half acres, which is being finely cultivated and supplied with an excellent class of buildings. His wife is a member of the Lutheran Church and a most excellent lady, possessing, as did her husband, the virtues of a true Christian. He was a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Canton.

JAMES B. SMITH. Stark County is fortunate in that the farmers who form such an important proportion of her population are in general a highly intelligent, energetic, thrifty, and business-like set of men. Of one of these, James B. Smith, we write. His farming operations center on section 32, Perry Township, where he has eighty acres of land under good cultivation, and supplied with all the necessary improvements that go to make up a desirable farm.

Our subject was born February 15, 1835, is a native of this county, and the son of Benjamin and Mary (Coder) Smith, natives of Pennsylvania. The Coder family were among the earlier pioneers of this township, having located upon new land in this section in 1818. The father of our subject emigrated overland with a team to this county in 1830, in company with his parents, and after arriving here in Stark County, resided for a short time in Bethlehem, now Navarre, when it contained but a few houses. He later removed to the farm which is the present home of our subject, which he set industriously about clearing and improving. Of the large family of children of which he was the father, three are now living, viz.: Our subject; Frances, the wife of William Paden, and Harriet. Of the second union of Benjamin Smith, there were born two children, Charles K., and Mary, the latter of whom is deceased.

The father of our subject was a prominent and influential member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and contributed liberally toward the erection of the new church building. In early life, he was a Democrat in politics, but later, finding that he had sufficient cause for changing his views, joined the ranks of the Republican party, with which he voted until his decease, which occurred December 11, 1871. The mother of our subject departed this life January 15, 1846, and was, like her husband, a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

James B. Smith, of this sketch, received his education in the pioneer log schoolhouse in the vicinity of his home, and rendered his father great assistance in clearing the farm and placing it under good tillage. He is now residing upon the old homestead, and has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, in which calling he has been more than ordinarily successful. Mr. Smith was always greatly interested in local affairs, and for many years served as an efficient member of the School Board, and during his administration many changes were made in the school system, and buildings were erected to accommodate the growing population.

May 1, 1856, Mr. Smith and Miss Julia Rempis were united in marriage. The lady, who is the daughter of Lewis and Louisa (Burk) Rempis, was born in Massillon, February 16, 1834. She has become the mother of five children, namely: Abner, who is deceased; Olive L., a teacher in Al-

bany, N. Y.; William N., who is residing in Montgomery County, Mo.; Harvey B. and Franklin J., are at home.

As before stated, our subject owns eighty acres of land, and during his life possessed those traits of character that won consideration and confidence. Hei is an active politician, a thoroughly good Republican, and one who interested himself in all that concerned his township. He is a prominent member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Massillon, and is identified with its every good work.

The parents of Mrs. Smith had a family of seven children, of whom four are living: Charles; Amelia, Mrs. Smith; Henry, and Catherine, Mrs. Daniel Rager. Mr. and Mrs. Rempis were born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and were members in good standing of the Lutheran Church.

CHARLES D. PAINTER, M. D. Among the well-known physicians of Alliance, Dr. Painter holds a prominent place, which is due to his professional skill and knowledge. During more than a decade, he has been doing his utmost to alleviate suffering in and about the city and his zeal, carefulness and sympathy are duly appreciated by a large circle of patrons and friends. He was born in Salem, this State, April 26, 1858, and is the son of Dr. Elwood G. and Louisa J. (White) Painter, also natives of the Buckeye State.

The father of our subject was also a physician, and a graduate of the Western Homeopathic College of Cleveland. When locating for the practice of his profession, he settled in Alliance, in 1860, and was therefore its pioneer homeopathic physician. He was not only well versed in medical lore, but was a man of broad culture and extensive information on topics of general interest. He attained to a high place in the medical fraternity and was very successful in a financial way, accumulating a large amount of property. In his death, which occurred in 1866, Stark County lost one of its most progressive and influential citizens, one who was popular and active in all good works, and respected as he deserved by all who knew him.

Our subject, who is the eldest child born to his parents, prosecuted his early studies in Alliance and completed his education in Bethany College, West Virginia, from which institution he was graduated in 1879. Desiring to become a physician, he read medicine under Dr. R. B. Johnson, of Ravenna, this State, and was graduated with the Class of '82 from the Cleveland Homeopathic Hospital College. Establishing himself in this city, he opened an office where he has been successful in prolonging life, thereby winning a name which is held in honor throughout a wide circle.

In 1882, Dr. Painter and Miss Carrie J. McGirr, who was born in this county, were united in marriage. The lady is the daughter of Rezin and Cassandra McGirr, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of two children, Elwood B. and Lorene. Upon Dr. Painter the mantle of his father seems to have fallen, as he has an excellent reputation extending throughout the county, and from a mind filled with facts and theories he judiciously selects those adapted to the case in hand. In taking a literary course, he was graduated with the honors of his class. Socially, he is a member of the Northwestern Ohio Medical Society, and is also connected with the fraternity of several different colleges.

IRA M. ALLEN was for many years a prominent educator of Eastern Ohio, and is now living a retired life in Canton. He was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., on the 11th of May, 1821, and comes of an old family of New England. His grandfather, Samuel Allen, was born in Rhode Island, and was of Scotch-Irish extraction. He married Patience Spoon, whose father,

a sea-captain, was of English and Welsh descent. Caleb Allen, father of our subject, was born in Rensselaer County, July 15, 1787, and married Hulda Dawley, who was born in Rhode Island on the 18th of October, 1788, and was of Welsh lineage. They began their domestic life in his native county, where they spent several years, when they removed to Cayuga County. Later, they became residents of Ontario County, N. Y., where they resided until their deaths. Mr. Allen lived the quiet, retired life of a farmer and was a man of sterling worth.

Our subject was the fifth in a family numbering four sons and two daughters, of whom three are now living. His boyhood days were spent upon his father's farm and his early education, acquired in the district schools, was supplemented by study in Skaneateles Academy. At the age of eighteen years, he began teaching in Ontario County, N. Y., where he followed his chosen profession until 1842. In the spring of that year, he came to Massillon, Stark County, Ohio, where he was employed as a teacher until 1847. Coming to Canton, he then took charge of a select school, which he carried on until 1850, when the city adopted the union school law—the third city in the State to take advantage of this law. In 1854, Mr. Allen went to Massillon and took charge of the Charity Rotch School of that place, which he superintended until 1864. In that year, he gave up his school work and turned his attention to farming, which he followed until 1869, when he was elected Treasurer of Stark County for a term of two years. Faithfully did he perform his duties, and on the expiration of his term he was re-elected, serving in all for four years.

Mr. Allen has found a faithful companion and helpmate in his estimable wife, whom he wedded May 29, 1844. In her maidenhood, she was Ella O. Graham, daughter of Hon. John Graham and Susan (Troop) Graham, the former of whom served as State Senator of Stark County. They were both natives of Pennsylvania. Unto them have been born five children: Alice, who died in 1875; John C. married Mary Flather, of Canton, and died in October, 1890, leaving a wife and two sons; Florence H.; Emma S., wife of L. Sollmann, a druggist of Canton; and Ella O. The family resides at No. 420 South Market Street, where they have a good home in the midst of pleasant surroundings.

After retiring from the Treasurer's office, Mr. Allen was variously employed until 1878, when he again went to Massillon and had charge of the Charity Rotch School for another decade. He was a most excellent educator, possessing superior ability in instructing youthful minds, and many who have been successful in various walks of life have reason to thank him for the aid he gave in their younger years. His life has been devoted to school work and he has done much in the interests of education in this community. For more than thirty years he was a member of the County Board of School Examiners.

On attaining his majority, Mr. Allen affiliated with the Democratic party, which he continued to support until the organization of the Republican party, of which he has since been a stanch advocate. He is a prominent citizen of this community, widely and favorably known, and is highly respected by all.

JOHN SMITH. The farmers of Stark County are, as a class, men of business integrity, industrious habits and excellent moral character, and even a brief outline of their lives is worthy of the consideration of all who appreciate true worth. One who has been identified with the interests of Perry Township for several decades, and who is known among his friends as one of the most energetic agriculturists and worthy citizens of the township, is John Smith, whose farm is pleasantly located on section 24. The one hundred and twenty-seven broad acres which stretch around his residence are a standing monument to his persistence and zeal and his financial efforts.

Our subject was born in 1808, in Pennsylvania, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rhodes) Smith. When a small boy, his parents emigrating to this county, he accompanied them hither, the

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trip being made overland with a team and wagon. They took up their residence in Canton Township, where they were honored members of the farming community. John, of this sketch, passed his youth on the home farm, and attended the district schools, in the intervals of study assisting his father in such ways as were suited to his years and strength, and upon attaining his majority began farming on his own account. He remembers well when deer and wild turkeys were numerous in the Buckeye State, and when the country was in a comparatively primitive condition.

In his political relations, he is a stanch Democrat, which party he believes to be in the right. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and is an active worker and liberal contributor in that body. Mr. Smith has not only advanced his personal interests and surrounded himself with all the comforts of modern farm life, but he has manifested an intelligent interest in the public welfare and has from time to time aided in the enterprises that pertain to that result. He has never married, and is living the life of a jolly bachelor. A sketch of his brother, Joseph Smith, appears on another page in this volume.

MAHLON SLUTS. Stark County has within her borders many citizens who have been successful financially and are now living in retirement in the enjoyment of an ample income. Our subject, who is residing in Pike Township, is one of these and was formerly one of the prominent farmers and stock-raisers of this section. By persistent, well-directed labor, seconded by sound discretion and clear judgment, he accumulated a goodly amount of property and is now spending his declining years free from the cares and toils of his early life. Although he has sold a large portion of his land, he is still the proprietor of two hundred and six acres and has one of the most pleasant and attractive home in the township.

A native of this State, our subject was born in Fairfield Township, Tuscarawas County, July 17, 1812, while his father, Samuel Sluts, was born in Frederick County, Md., in 1783. John Sluts, the grandfather, was born in the city of Baltimore, Md., in 1755, and the great-grandfather of our subject, who was a native of Germany, came to America in Colonial times and made his home in Baltimore, where he lived and died. John Sluts was apprenticed to learn the trade of a wheelwright when sixteen years of age, and soon after entered the service of the Colonists in the Revolutionary War. Later in life, he operated as "mine host" at an hotel for fifteen years, which was located on the road from Fredericktown to Libertytown, Md. As early as 1806, he came by the overland route to this State, and in Jefferson County purchased a quarter-section of land near East Springfield, which had upon it a double log cabin. This tract he partially improved and at the time of his decease, in 1833, was the owner of six hundred and forty acres of land. His career as a farmer was characterized by activity, close attention to his labors and skillful management of his interests.

John Sluts reared a family of eighteen children, by two marriages, his first union being with Miss Margaret Howe, a native of Holland, who bore him four children, of whom the father of our subject was the eldest. On the death of his wife, he married Miss Catherine Welch, of Irish descent, by whom he became the father of fourteen children. In religious affairs, he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church and in politics was a stanch Democrat.

When twenty-three years of age, the father of our subject accompanied his sire to this State, and the following fall returned to Maryland, where he was married. His wife died one year later and he again came to this State, where, in 1810, he married Miss Sarah Hague, who was born in the Old Dominion in 1788. She was at that time, however, residing in Tuscarawas County, whither she had been brought by her parents in 1808. They became the parents of four children, of whom our subject was the eldest, his brother and sisters being: Susan, Mrs. Critchet; Mahala, who died at

the age of three years and William. After their marriage, the parents of our subject located in a log cabin in Tuscarawas County, where the father died in 1821. Mrs. Sluts later married Peter Houseman, by whom she became the mother of four children: Nancy, John, Eliza and Perry A. She departed this life in Hardin County, May 17, 1857.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Francis Hague, was born in Virginia, where he married Miss Ruth Radican, who was of Welsh-Irish extraction. Mahlon Sluts of this sketch remained in his native county until a lad of twelve years when, his father having died years three previously, he was compelled to leave home on account of the treatment of his step-father. The latter ordered him to do work which he was not able to do, with the command that he was to perform it or leave home, so laying the matter before his mother, and telling her that he would have to away, she provided him with a pillow-case in which was placed a shirt, an arithmetic and slate. Thus equipped for the battle of life our young hero started out in the wide world and going to the home of his uncle, James Sluts, there learned the trades of a tanner and distiller.

Upon attaining his majority, our subject established a home of his own, and was married, March 23, 1834, to Miss Rebecca Walburn, who was born March 11, 1816, in Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Leonard and Sarah (Eshwi) Walburn, also natives of the Keystone State. The father having died there, the mother married a second time, and on the overland trip to this county in 1823 was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Sluts. To our subject and his wife has been granted a family of seven children, five of whom are living, namely: Samuel W., Sarah A. (Mrs. Howenstine), George J., Rebecca J. (Mrs. Brittain), and William L. John M. died when ten years of age and another in infancy.

After his marriage, the original of this sketch made his home in Holmes County, this State, where he owned eighty acres of land. He resided there but a few months, however, when he sold his property and came to this county, where he purchased one hundred and thirty acres in Sugar Creek Township. This he operated for three and one-half years, and then sold on account of moving to Carroll County. In the latter-named place, he made his home for nine years, and during that time became the owner of several different farms. In 1848, he returned to Stark County and purchased his present valuable estate, which, since it came into his possession, has been greatly changed as he has placed upon it good buildings, fences and everything needful for carrying on farming to the best advantage. At one time, he was the proprietor of three hundred and twenty broad acres, of which he sold one hundred and eleven acres, which still leaves him a large and beautiful estate. He has given his children the best advantages in the way of obtaining an education and presented them each with $1,000 in money when leaving the parental roof to go to homes of their own.

Mr. Sluts was engaged in agricultural pursuits until the past seventeen years, when he retired from active work and has his farm operated by tenants, from the rental of which he derives a goodly income. He had no special advantages in his youth but on the contrary began his life work with a limited education but an abundant store of enterprise and determination, and it is doubtful if Stark County contains a better example of what in the West would be called a "hustler" than our subject. His farm is one of the best in the county, every rod of it being made useful and ornamental and displaying the hand of a master in its appearance, fertility and the improvements that it bears.

March 23, 1884, our subject and his wife were given a pleasant surprise by their children, it being the fiftieth anniversary of their married life. About forty relatives and friends were present, and in the course of the evening Mr. Sluts was made the recipient of another surprise by being presented with a handsome gold-headed cane. Mr. and Mrs. Sluts have been members of the church for a half century, and at the present time are identified with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and it is their constant endeavor so to order their lives that they will bring no discredit upon the church but on the contrary extend its influence.

He of whom we write witnessed the running of the first canal boat in 1828, and saw the first train in 1851. In the early times, he harvested his wheat crop by means of a sickle, but has kept apace with all of the improvements in the way of farm machinery and has his place equipped with modern implements of all kinds. A Democrat prior to the organization of the Republican party, he worked as a member of its ranks for ten years, but at the present time is a stanch Prohibitionist and has worked untiringly in pushing forward the good cause in his locality.

ALONZO B. WALKER, one of the prominent and successful physician and surgeons of Stark County, engaged in practice in Canton, has the honor of being a native of the Buckeye State. He was born in New Somerset, Jefferson County, in 1851, and when a lad of twelve summers came with his parents to Stark County. He acquired his literary education in the district schools, the Waynesburgh High School and Mt. Union College, after which he taught school one winter. From his childhood he has read medicine, seeming to have a special aptitude for that science. He early developed a taste for surgery, and after thorough training was graduated from the University of Philadelphia, Pa., in 1872.

Dr. Walker entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Canton in the spring of 1873, and since that time has devoted his energies to his life work. His labors have been eminently successful, and he has won an enviable position among his professional brethren, and at the same time has gained a large and lucrative practice, which attests his skill and ability. In the winter of 1879–80, he attended a course of lectures in the Rush Medical College of Chicago and the following winter entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pa., from which he was graduated in the spring of 1881. During that time he took a special course of surgery under Prof. J. Ewing Mears. He is a member of the Union Medical Association of Northeastern Ohio, the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Ninth International Medical Congress.

On the 6th of September, 1876, in Waynesburgh, Ohio, the Doctor was married to Miss Mira Stull, and by their union have been born two daughters, Helen and Hazel, who are still with their parents. They reside at No. 45 West Tuscarawas Street, where they have a handsome home, beautifully and tastefully furnished.

Dr. Walker is a gentleman in the highest sense of the word; affable and courteous in manner and of kindly disposition, he wins friends wherever he goes and carries away with him the good wishes and kindly regard of all with whom he comes in contact. He is a skillful and practical surgeon and physician and his tender and thoughtful care and patience at the bedside of the sick and suffering have won him the love of many. The Doctor is well worthy the success which has already crowned his efforts and his future will no doubt be a brilliant one.

JOHN F. NIESZ, of the firm of Niesz Brothers, dealers in boots and shoes, of Canton, has been engaged in business in this line since 1888, when with his brother, F. B. Niesz, and W. S. Allen, he opened a store under the firm name of Niesz Brothers & Allen, at No. 42 South Market Street. The store in which they are located is 20x100 feet, and they use the first floor and the basement. They carry a full and complete line of boots and shoes and rubber goods, and are now enjoying an excellent trade, which has constantly increased from the beginning.

Mr. Niesz was born on a farm south of Canton on the 2d of May, 1846, and is a representative of one of the oldest families of Stark County. His great-grandparents removed from Pennsylvania to this county in 1806, when his grandfather, John

Niesz, was a lad of only seven summers. His father, William Niesz, was born on the old homestead in 1824, and is still residing on the farm in Canton Township. He married Delilah Roush, a native of this county and a daughter of Frederick Roush, one of the early settlers. She died on the home farm in 1855, leaving six children. Mr. Niesz was again married and by the second union has four children.

Our subject was the second child of the first marriage. During his early boyhood he aided in the labors of the farm and attended the district schools. When only eighteen years of age, he responded to the country's call for troops, in January, 1865, enlisting in Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Ohio Infantry. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and did garrison duty. Mr. Niesz served for eight months and was honorably discharged on the 26th of September, 1865, after which he returned to the parental roof. Not content with the education he had acquired, he entered Greersburg Seminary, where he pursued his studies two terms, and then became a student in Mt. Union College, where he remained four terms. To school teaching he then turned his attention in the winter season, while in the summer months he engaged in farm labor.

In 1870, Mr. Niesz was married to Miss Mary L. Brenner, a native of Lancaster County, Pa., and a daughter of John H. Brenner. They began their domestic life upon the farm, and two children came to bless their home: John W. and Gracie F. The mother departed this life February 5, 1878, and Mr. Niesz married Miss Fannie L. Brenner, a sister of his first wife. By this union two interesting children have been born: Ada May and Frederick Garfield.

After his first marriage, Mr. Niesz devoted his attention to general farming and market gardening until 1888, when he embarked in business as before stated. His home is just outside the corporation limits of Canton, on the Waynesburgh road, where he owns sixteen acres of valuable land. His home and the other buildings upon the farm are in keeping with the enterprising and progressive spirit of the owner. Mr. Niesz is connected with several social organization, being a member of Canton Post No. 25, G. A. R., the Grange, the Farmers' Alliance and American Mechanics' Association. In politics, he is a Republican. He is a good business man, who by courteous treatment and fair dealing has won a liberal patronage which he well deserves.

JOSEPH FOLK, one of the representative citizens of Stark County, was born in Nimishillen Township, Stark County, Ohio, on the 6th of July, 1847, and is the son of Peter and Lydia (Reese) Folk, both natives of Ohio, the former born in Stark County, October 26, 1826, and the latter in Washington Township, the same county, on the 22d of October, 1822.

Our subject's paternal grandparents, Peter and Catherine (Miller) Folk, were from the Eastern States, the former born close to the line between Pennsylvania and Maryland, and the grandmother born in Westmoreland County, Pa. The great-grandfather of our subject, George Folk, was born in Germany, and came with his parents to America when but four years of age. Peter Folk, Sr., grew to manhood in Pennsylvania, where he was married, and where all his children were born, three daughters and two sons. One of the daughters died in infancy. Elizabeth married Frederick Herbster, whose home was in Stark County, Washington Township, where her descendants still live. She left eight children by her first husband, and one by her second husband, Abraham Lutz. Catherine married Joshua Lentz, and they resided in Washington Township, this county; she died leaving four children. John resided for many years in Nimishillen Township, on the old homestead, where he died about 1881, when over eighty years of age. He left four children.

Peter Folk, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Ohio, after the family had removed to that State, and he was thirteen years younger than any of the other children. His grandfather had entered a section of land in Nimishillen Township,

and he gave that section to his three sons, two of whom made their homes on it. Peter Folk, Jr., attained his growth on the farm entered by his grandfather, and received a fair education for his day. His early life was spent in hard labor in clearing the farm, and amid pioneer scenes. He was married a little before his twenty-first birthday, on the 11th of December, 1846, to Miss Reese, and shortly afterward his father gave him one hundred and six acres of land. This young couple began housekeeping in a log house, and although they had little else to begin with save willing hands and any amount of energy, they met with much success, and were classed among the substantial and representative citizens of the county. In 1858, Mr. Folk purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Michigan, but sold that in 1878. In 1847, he erected a good bank barn, and in 1861, a fine residence, which still stands. The farm now belongs to his son Joseph, the subject of this sketch, and has been in the family for four generations. Only two children were born to them, Joseph and Nancy. The latter married Peter Yader (see sketch). The father of these children is a Republican in politics, and his first Presidential vote was cast in 1848, for Gen. Taylor. He has been School Director for fourteen or fifteen years in succession, and is a member of the Progressive Brethren Church, in which he is a Trustee.

The original of this notice, like the majority of boys reared on the farm, passed his youthful days assisting his father and attending the district school, where he received a fair education. On the 4th of September, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Ohio Infantry, and was in the Twenty-third Corps. He was first in Tennessee, but subsequently joined Sherman's army at Goldsboro, N. C., and was there at the surrender of Johnston. He was under fire at Cedar Flats, and also at Kingston, N. C., and had a number of narrow escapes, but was never wounded. He was never taken prisoner, and he was never off duty but one day. On the 28th of June, 1865, he was honorably discharged, and returned to the parental roof, where, in connection with farming, he ran a threshing-machine, he and his partner operating the first steam-thresher in the county. In 1872, he bought a one-half interest in a sawmill on his father's place, and this he still operates.

Mr, Folk was married on the 14th of December, 1873, to Miss Eliza A. Miller, of Louisville, Ohio, where she was born on the 3rd of December, 1847. Her parents, Peter and Barbara (Kloffenstein) Miller, were natives of France and America, respectively. After marriage, our subject and wife resided with the former's father for five years, and then our subject purchased the home place. He resided on this until December, 1891, and then removed to his fine residence in Louisville, where he now makes his home. He has no children. Like his ancestors before him, our subject advocates the platform of the Republican party, and is deeply interested in politics. He has been Trustee for three years, and in 1889 he was nominated by his party for Director of the County Infirmary, but as the county is largely Democratic, he was beaten. He is a member of the Reformed Church, as is also Mrs. Folk. He is a member of Canton Post No. 25, G. A. R., of Canton; is also a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Louisville Council No. 152.

ANDREW MEYER. In the agricultural circles of Stark County, the late Andrew Meyer was by universal consent accorded a high place. He was eminently successful in a financial sense, exhibited clearness of perception and soundness of judgment, and, moreover, enjoyed a reputation for moral worth and integrity of character that is a proud heritage to his children. He was one of the most prominent farmers in Canton Township, where he had a valuable estate, located on section 5.

He of whom we write was the second son of Andrew Meyer, Sr., who was one of the early settlers of Stark County, having come hither across the mountains from Baltimore, Md., as early as 1817. Purchasing twenty-two hundred acres of

land in Canton Township, he turned his attention to its development, and succeeded before his death in placing the greater part of it under excellent cultivation. He had a high reputation as a man of unswerving integrity, who did as he would be done by, and was looked upon as one of the most valued citizens.

The father of our subject was born in the city of Bonn, on the Rhine, and when quite young, entering the Austrian service, fought against the Turks. He later was a soldier in the French army, and on coming to America in the latter part of the eighteenth century, settled in Baltimore, Md., where he was employed by the Government as a brass molder and burnisher, and was compelled to wait for his pay till the close of the war. He was later an officer, and commanded a company at the battle of Bladenburg, and as a reward for his brave conduct during that disastrous engagement, he was presented by his General with a fine rifle.

When coming to this county, in 1817, Andrew Meyer, Sr., as before stated, bought a large tract of land from the Government, which was located northwest of Canton. There he erected a house, in which his family resided until 1822, when he built the large brick residence which is now occupied by Ed J. Meyer, a popular and wealthy horse dealer in this county. The brick used in this structure was made on a farm, and the wood for finishing was hauled over the mountains from Baltimore, Md. The residence in those days was considered a great curiosity and people came from miles around to see it. He was very wealthy and contributed liberally of his means toward the upbuilding of his county, and his death, which occurred in 1848, was greatly mourned by hosts of friends.

The subject of this sketch was born in Baltimore, Md., in the year 1812, and came with his parents on their emigration to this county when a lad of five years. Later, returning to his native place, he entered the Emmitsburg College, near Baltimore, in which institution he took a classical course and was graduated. In 1832, he took an important step in life, whereby he gained the devoted assistance of a good wife in the person of Miss Elizabeth Haslet. She also was a native of Maryland, having been born in Baltimore in 1816, and at the time of her marriage had just completed her education and was in her sixteenth year. She came of a very prominent family, her father being Maj. Robert Haslet, a native of Cork, Ireland, who fought in the war between the Orangemen and United Ireland. Later, taking up his residence in the New World, he located in Baltimore, where he followed his trade of a gunsmith, and died at the advanced age of eighty-two years, his death being occasioned by an attack of yellow fever while traveling in the South.

After his marriage, Andrew Meyer, of this sketch, came with his wife to Ohio, where he engaged in the mercantile business, conducting a dry-goods store on North Market Street, in Canton, for five years. Later, abandoning city life, he moved upon what was known as Duck's Farm, which was located near Meyer's Lake, and which he continued to operate until the death of his father in 1848. Then, moving into Canton, in company with his brother Joseph, he was appointed executor of the large estate left by his father, the settling up of which occupied several years.

The wife of our subject, who was a most intelligent and refined lady, departed this life in 1848, and at her death was mourned by a large circle of friends outside her family. By her union with Mr. Meyer she became the mother of eight children, seven of whom grew to mature years, viz: Andrew J., Emma E. (now deceased), Joseph H., Louise C., William, Margaret and Mary I. After the death of his wife, our subject chose for his second companion Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Judge John Gross, of Baltimore, Md., her father being an able advocate and an officer in the War of 1812. To them was born one child, a son, John. The wife and mother died in 1879, having been preceded to the better land by her husband, whose death occurred in 1878.

Andrew Meyer was a gentleman of true nobility of character, always pleasant and considerate in his intercourse with others. He possessed cultured tastes, was a genuine lover of books, and among the attractions of his home was a fine li-

brary of well-selected and valuable reading. He was of a literary turn of mind and wielded the pen of a ready writer in giving utterance to his opinions. He was an historian of more than ordinary ability.

W F. BREED. In the complexities of city life, the business of merchant tailoring may be regarded as one of the greatest importance in furnishing those evidences of refinement and taste that are represented in fashionable and well-fitting garments. As a merchant tailor, Mr. Breed has earned a well-deserved reputation for excellence of workmanship, artistic skill and finish. He keeps on hand a large stock of broadcloths and woolens from the best markets, and all work done is guaranteed to suit.

Mr. Breed is a native-born resident of Massillon, his birth occurring on the 18th of July, 1856, and he is a son of Richard and Frances (Thert) Breed, natives respectively of Lynn, Mass, and Paris, France. Richard Breed was born in the year 1814, and came with his parents to Stark County, locating with them at Kendall. The trip was made with teams and wagons. Mr. Breed was one of seven children, four sons and three daughters. His father was engaged in farming, and in addition also followed contracting on the canal. His death occurred when about fifty-three years of age. The father of our subject engaged in the butchering business in Massillon, on West Main Street, and followed this successfully for over thirty years. He died in 1881. His wife came with her parents to America when quite young, and with them located in New Lancaster, where she grew to womanhood. She is now seventy-five years of age and finds a comfortable home with our subject. She holds membership in the Methodist Church. Of the six children born to this estimable couple, four daughters and two sons, two of the daughters are deceased.

The original of this sketch, the youngest in order of birth of the above-mentioned family, secured a good practical education in the High School of Massillon, and when eighteen years of age he was apprenticed to learn the tailor's trade in Alliance. Later, he took a situation in Osceola, Pa., where he remained nine months and then returned to Massillon, where he took up coat-making for Altman, Gross & Wetter, continuing with this firm for two years. After this, he was engaged in his trade at Alliance, Akron, and Three Rivers, Mich., and Washington, Pa., working at coat-making. In 1884, he started in business here and was engaged as cutter for five years. In the fall of 1891, he started his present business, has a good trade, and his customers are among the best class of people in the city. He employs from eight to ten hands and is located at No. 17 East Main Street. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank, and is also a member of the American Mechanics and the Adelphia Society here. In politics, he is a Republican.

EMANUEL HORNBERGER, SR. All in whom brotherly kindness is found rejoice in knowing that men of declining years are able to rest from the toils of life and enjoy the comforts and pleasures to which years of industry have fairly entitled them. In Stark County, a goodly number of men are enabled thus to cease from the cares of life, and among this number is Mr. Hornberger, who is still living on his beautiful farm in Tuscarawas Township.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born October 15, 1812, to John and Leah Hornberger, who were also natives of that State. He continued to reside in his native county until reaching his fifteenth year, when he moved to Lancaster County and there remained until reaching his majority. When ready to establish a home of his own, he was married in Pennsylvania, in

1835, to Miss Annie Hardman, and to them was granted a family of eight children, four of whom are living, namely: Samuel, Lewis, Emanuel, and Harriet, Mrs. Hiram Overdurf. The wife and mother departed this life, and the lady whom Mr. Hornberger chose as his second companion was Mrs. Annie Race.

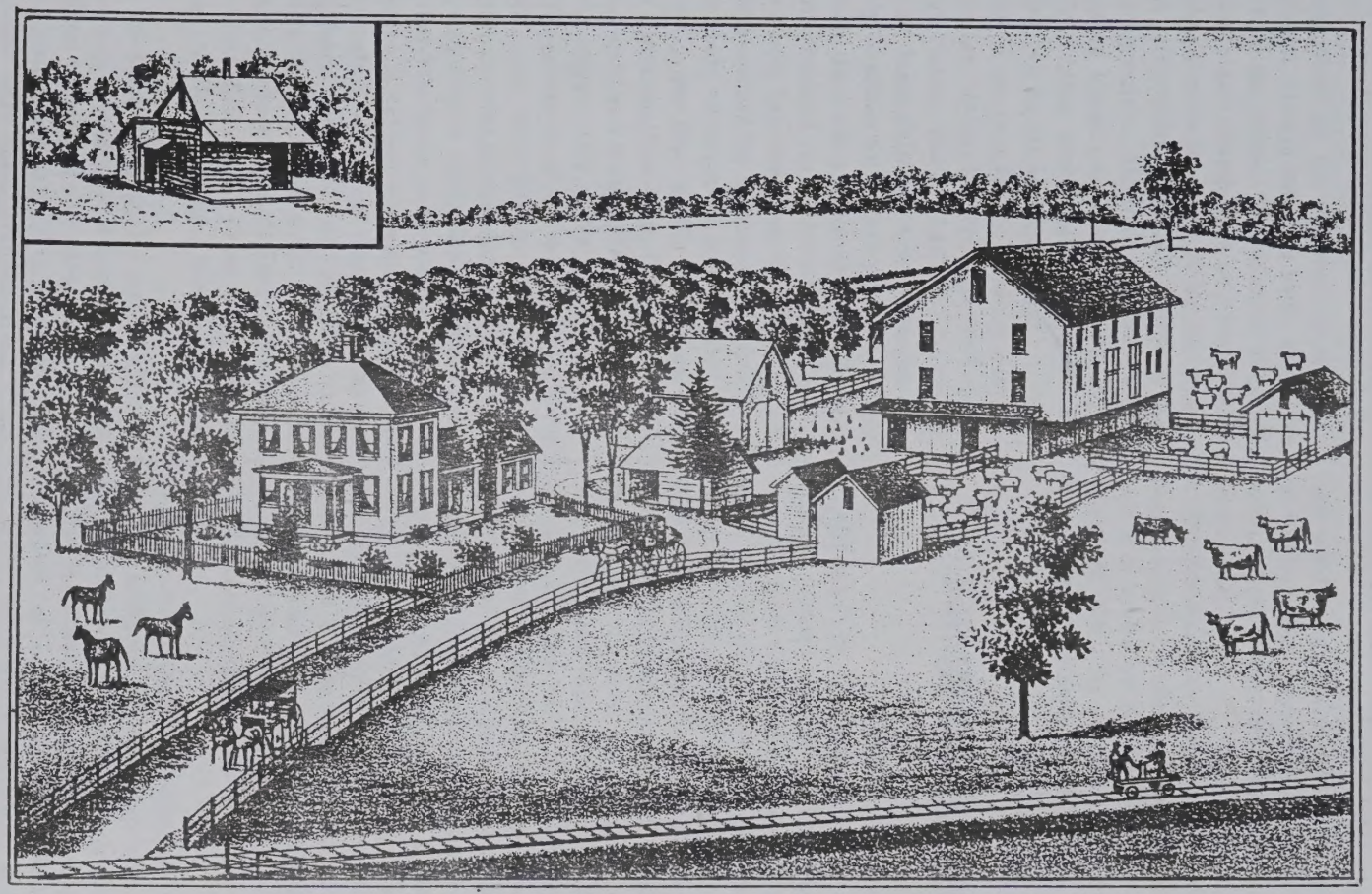
Our subject began the labors of life with but limited means, and his present excellent provision for his declining years is due to his good management and industry. During his earlier years he carried on general farming, his crops including all the grains that the climate and soil favored. He is justly regarded as a man of unimpeachable character, and his fellow-citizens have much respect for him. As one of the old residents of the county, he has aided greatly in its improvement and growth in all that pertains to the best good of the people.

MICHAEL J. HOLTZ. Among those who are tilling the soil of Stark County in such a manner as to secure by their efforts a good livelihood, and make provision for declining years, is Michael J. Holtz, whose home is in Plain Township. For many years he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and so successful has he been, that he now owns a valuable estate on sections 14 and 15. His residence is a comfortable and homelike structure, while conveniently arranged near it are the barns, granaries, etc., which belong to a well-regulated farm.

The original of this sketch, who comes of a very prominent family in the history of this county, was born on his present farm, January 23, 1826. His father, John Holtz, was born December 9, 1790, in Pennsylvania, while his grandfather, Michael Holtz, was a native of Germany, who on emigrating to America, just after the Revolutionary War, located in the Keystone State. In 1810, he visited this State, and was so well pleased with the outlook that the following year he removed hither with his family, the journey being made over the mountains with horses and wagons. Locating on the Harrisburgh Road, in this township, he there entered a tract of Government land, and in the woods erected the customary log cabin. Although Indians were plentiful, and wild animals numerous, they suffered no other harm from their visits than being badly frightened. The grandfather developed a good farm from the wilderness, and made his home on this section until his death at an advanced age.

The father of our subject was a young man of twenty-one years when his parents removed to this State. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and for six months did service about the lake near Sandusky. On returning home at the close of hostilities, he made a trip on horseback to his native State, and returning hither was married in 1814, to Miss Mary Werstler, who was born in Maryland, and was brought to this county by her parents as early as about 1806. After establishing a home of his own, John Holtz located on the beautiful farm where his son, our subject, is residing, at a time when its only improvement was a log cabin. The wolves in that early day proved very troublesome, as when the "men folk" were in the field at work, they would kill the sheep. Like other pioneers, he marketed his grain at Cleveland, conveying that article to the Forest City with a four-horse team, and on the return trip brought back salt, leather, etc., for which a high price was paid. He was in all respects a man of excellent character, whose obliging manner and honest, straightforward dealings gained him the regard of all about him, and his death, which occurred on Friday, August 13, 1875, was a severe blow, not only to his family, but to hosts of warm personal friends. He was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, and aided in the construction of the first log church of that denomination in this locality.

The parents of Mrs. Holtz, the mother of our subject, were George and Mary Werstler, who, on coming to this county in 1806, located in Plain Township, on a portion of the six hundred and forty acres of land which Grandfather Werstler had purchased from the Government. The latter gentleman was a very wealthy man and was fa-



RESIDENCE OF M. J. HOLTZ, SEC. 14, PLAIN TP., STARK CO., OHIO.

miliarly designated by the old settlers as "their bank," as he was always ready to lend money to those deserving the favor. He donated the land for the cemetery and church here, and endeavored in all ways to promote the good of his fellow-men by his good citizenship and his interest in that which was progressive. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church, and possessed that kind disposition and other attributes of character that made him beloved by all who knew him.

Our subject is one in a family of seven children, of whom six are living, his brothers and sisters being George, Susan, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah. The mother of these children, who aided her husband greatly in attaining a good position among his fellow-men, died when in her sixty-ninth year. Our subject obtained an education in the log schoolhouse which has often been described in this book, and when attaining mature years farmed on shares. The lady to whom he was married, September 7, 1851, was Miss Emily H. Folsom, who was born in Ashtabula, this State, October 23, 1829. Her parents, David and Phœbe (Thornton) Folsom, were natives respectively of Vermont and Connecticut. The father came to Ohio when a young man, in 1808, and Miss Folsom following soon after, they were married in Ashtabula County, where they made their home until March, 1840. Then moving farther Westward, they located in Wayne County, where our subject operated an hotel until 1848, at which date he became identified with the interests of Stark County. For two years he resided in New Berlin, then lived for the same length of time in the city of Canton, after which he came to Plain Township. From there he went with his son to Corunna, Ind., where his death occurred.

The four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Holtz bear the respective names of Electa A., now Mrs. J. M. Spangler; Francis M.; Ermina, who is deceased, and Almina, widow of T. J. Pontius. Mr. and Mrs. Holtz have three grandchildren, Clarence T., Jennie M. and Francis J. Our subject, as before stated, operated the home farm on shares until the decease of his father, when he purchased the estate, which comprises one hundred and thirty-four acres. For the past few years he has rented the greater portion of his farm, and is now extensively engaged in buying and selling stock, which branch of business he finds to be very remunerative.

Religiously, both Mr. and Mrs. Holtz belong to the Lutheran Church, and the sincerity of their religion is shown by their conduct in the everyday affairs of life. In politics, our subject gives his allegiance to the Democratic party.

ADAM D. VOLKMOR. One of the salient features of the business men of Ohio is their energy and push, or, as the Americans put it, "go-aheadativeness." Massillon is no exception in this respect, but affords a striking example of the truth of the assertion, and Mr. Volkmor furnishes us with a striking case in point. He was born in Massillon on the 3d of July, 1841, and comes of sturdy German stock, his parents, J. Adam and Mary Barbara Volkmor, being natives of the Kingdom of Hessen, Germany.

The elder Mr. Volkmor was a slater, roofer and stone-cutter in his native country, and was in the regular army there. Thinking to better his condition, he emigrated to America in 1832, and came direct to Massillon, Ohio, where he followed the stone-cutter's trade until his death in 1872. He was a member of the Catholic Church as was also his estimable wife. Her death occurred in 1843. Of the nine children born to them five are now living.

Adam D. Volkmor, the second in order of birth of these children, is a self-made man in every sense of the term, and all his accumulations are the result of industry and good management on his part. Deprived of nearly all educational advantages in youth, never attending school more than seven months all told, he has made his way by hard labor and by the honest sweat of his brow. To assist the family to make a living, he began at an early age to work on different farms, and when twenty, began learning the blacksmith's trade under W. C.

Richards, with whom he remained four years, thus acquiring a thorough knowledge of the business.

In the spring of 1864, our subject enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio Infantry, and was mustered in at Columbus. He served until his discharge in September, 1864, as Corporal. Returning to Massillon, he resumed his trade and continued there until 1865, when he went to Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, and was there employed as shoer in the shops, making this a specialty for one year. He then returned here and was in the employ of Bayliss & Co. in the agricultural works, until 1870, when he decided to embark in business for himself. He erected a shop and engaged in business as a shoer and general repairer until 1886, when he built a new shop and livery barn, 50x120 feet, the shop adjoining the barn. Later, he sold the stock in the barn and has since devoted his entire attention to shoeing. He runs three forges and superintends all of them, and is considered the best and most skillful horse-shoer in this section. He thoroughly understands his business, is active in the discharge of his duties, and is prompt and reliable.

The subject of our sketch was married in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1866, to Adaline J. Peirong, who was born near the city of Canton, Stark County, and who is a daughter of Amos Peirong, a native of France and a marble-cutter by trade. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Volkmor, four of whom grew to mature years, as follows: Clara, a graduate of the High School. Orlando C., also a graduate of the High School and of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, in the Class of '90, in the department of law. He is now located at Canton. Adaline J. is a thorough musician, and is teaching that accomplishment at the present time; and Elmer was graduated from the High School in the Class of '92. and was valedictorian. All are unusually bright children, and Mr. Volkmor has reason to be proud of them.

Our subject was a member of the City Council for two years from the Fourth Ward, and was on different committees. He is at present a member of the Board of Health and has been for eight years. Socially, he is a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, was the First Vice-president, and is a member of Hart Post No. 134, G. A. R., of which he is Junior Vice-commander. He is also a member of the Building Committee. Mr. Volkmor is one of the public-spirited and wide-awake citizens of the county. In religion, he is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, and is one of its most active members. In politics, he is a Republican.

JOSEPH OBERLIN. An honorable place among the farmers of Stark County is held by the above-named gentleman, whose location is on section 15, Tuscarawas Township. His farm consists of one hundred acres of land, which are under the plow and all show signs of good management and intelligent improvement. Mr. Oberlin, who is a native of this county, is energetically prosecuting his affairs, deriving from his labors a good maintenance and making provision for his future needs.

Our subject, who was born July 5, 1826, is the son of Peter and Susannah (Creamer) Oberlin, who hailed from Cumberland County, Pa. The paternal ancestors of our subject were Germans. Peter Oberlin came with his family in 1813 to this county, and settled in the western portion of Tuscarawas Township, at a time when the now prosperous city of Massillon had no existence. Of the children included in the parental family, the following survive: Jacob, Samuel, William E., Joseph, David and Isaiah, the four latter of whom make their homes in this township. The father, who at his death left a comfortable property, departed this life in the '50s.

Young Oberlin of this sketch spent his youth amid primitive scenes, as his father belonged to the pioneer class, and he learned the value of industry, persistence and determination. He pursued his duties in the di trict school, and here, in an almost trackless forest, grew to man's estate, aiding in the development of a new farm and joining

with the other settlers in the sports of the day. Later in life, he attended school in Massillon, and also followed the profession of a teacher for a number of years. In 1853, our subject went by way of the Isthmus to California, and for four years was engaged in the gold mines, being very successful in his operations. When ready to return home, in 1857, he traveled by the same route, which landed him in the Golden State, and on again becoming identified with the interests of his native county, became a tiller of the soil.

The marriage of Joseph Oberlin and Miss Mary A., daughter of John Christman, was solemnized December 20, 1860, and by their marriage was born a family of five children, of whom the four living are: Arthur C.; Annie M., Mrs. B. C. Shilling; Inez R. and Mary L. As before stated, our subject owns one hundred acres of land, to the cultivation of which he is devoting himself with zeal and intelligence, winning therefrom the guerdon of good crops and proportionate moneyed receipts. He has always voted the Democratic ticket in politics, and, as a prominent member of the community, has served as Assessor of Tuscarawas Township, and on two different occasions, in 1863 and in 1891, was candidate for the Legislature. He is well known throughout the county, and has a pleasant circle of acquaintances and many friends, both in the immediate vicinity of his home and in sections farther removed. As an influential member of the Reformed Church, he has held the positions of Deacon, Elder and Superintendent of the Sunday-school. His good wife, who was a most cultured and excellent lady, died in June, 1879.

LEVI R. LASH, an honored veteran of the late war, in which he did loyal service, has developed a good farm from a wild tract of land in Bethlehem Township, and is therefore worthy of a place among the pioneers of this section of country. He is a native of this county, having been born December 20, 1842, to Andrew and Elizabeth Lash, also early residents of that township, and the former of whom died in 1859.

Our subject passed his early years amid the pioneer scenes of his native county, and as soon as he was large enough, felled the trees, grubbed stumps, and did other pioneer work in evolving a farm from the primitive forests of that region. He received a limited education in the schools of that day, and has always followed the life of an agriculturist. August 15, 1862, the war being in progress, he offered his services to aid in the defense of the Union, becoming a member of Company A, One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Infantry. He remained with that company for three months, and then joined Company D, Twelfth New York Cavalry, with which he served until his honorable discharge. He participated in numerous skirmishes, in all of which he displayed true soldierly valor, and won an excellent record. Later, he joined Sherman's command under Kilpatrick at Goldsboro, and with that General fought until Johnston's surrender. July 19, 1865, he was discharged, and, returning to this State, has here since made his home. He is now receiving a pension of $8 a month from the Government.

After his experiences of life on the battlefield, Mr. Lash resumed the work he had abandoned when he went forth to help fight his country's battles. In the year 1872, he was married to Miss Clarissa, daughter of Henry and Sarah Mase, of whom a sketch will be found on another page in this volume. Their pleasant wedded life has been greatly blessed to them by the birth of a son, Henry L.

Our subject is the proprietor of seventy and one-half acres of good land, which is thoroughly cultivated, and yields excellent harvests. In social matters, he is a Grand Army man, belonging to the Ft. Laurens Post at Bolivar, which he is serving as Junior Vice-commander. In political relations, he is a Democrat, and a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is closely identified with the prosperity of his township as one who generously endeavors to help forward all enterprises that will in any way promote its growth. He is a prominent member of the United Brethren Church, and is respected for his useful and upright life.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lash, the mother of our subject, was born January 18, 1815, in this county, and is the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Shell) Younkman. Her father, who was a native of Germany, emigrated to the United States when a boy, and made his home in Bethlehem Township, this county, where he was one of the well-to-do residents. Miss Younkman was married July 5, 1832, to the father of our subject, the latter of whom was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1809. He was a son of Isaac and Eva Lash, and came with his parents in an early day to this county, locating upon the farm where Grandma Lash now resides.

To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lash was born a large family of eleven children, viz.: Catherine, Mrs. Charles Kleinfogle; Jacob; Mary, Mrs. Dr. John Parks; Levi; Theresa, Mrs. John Reigar; William, Callie, John, Andrew J., Daniel F. and David M. The father of our subject departed this life in April, 1859, greatly respected by all who knew him. He was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, and in his political relations, voted the Democratic ticket. Grandma Lash has attained to an advanced age, and as one of the old pioneers of this county, her friends are numerous throughout its borders.

ARCHIBALD R. HANNA. A compendium of Stark County would be incomplete were no mention made of the Rotch School at Massillon, the most prominent educational institution of the county, with the progress of which Mr. Hanna has been closely identified as Superintendent. The object of the school is to provide mental, moral and industrial training for a limited number of homeless children, or those whose parents are poor and infirm, A vested fund of $30,000 placed at interest has supplied the means necessary to purchase the farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres, erect three buildings and support the school with the maximum attendance of thirty pupils since April 1, 1844. The fund so productive was a free gift to humanity from Mrs. Charity Rotch, of Massillon.

The main building is a substantial brick structure, 45x50 feet, four stories high, and was erected in 1843. Eleven years afterward a frame addition was built, and in 1878 a substantial brick structure was erected, 18x42 feet, three stories high. In 1890, the Board of Trustees expended about $4,000 in repairs, and the buildings are now in excellent condition, well adapted to their various uses. The buildings are heated with steam, so that every room is comfortably warm even in the coldest weather, and hot and cold water are also provided on every floor.

The benefits of the school are not restricted to Stark County or to the State of Ohio, but anyone answering the requirements may make application. Children are admitted at the age of twelve years, and must be of good moral character, no one of doubtful morals being allowed to enter. Some of the men who are now prominent in the public affairs of the county received instruction in the Rotch School, where the heart is taught goodness, the head knowledge and the hand industry. The Board of Trustees comprises the following: Mrs. C. McC. Everhard, President; Prof. E. A. Jones, Secretary; Frank L. Baldwin, Treasurer; Sylvester Johnson and Charles Steese. A. R. Hanna, the efficient Superintendent of the school, is a native of Ohio, born in Wayne County, June 8, 1833. His parents, Rev. Archibald and Mary (Rammage) Hanna, were natives of Pennsylvania, the former being of Scotch descent and the latter of Irish ancestry. The father was a minister in the Presbyterian Church and a pioneer preacher of Ohio, where he had an extensive acquaintance. After serving as pastor of the churches at Mt. Eaton and Fredericksburgh for a number of years, he came to Stark County and located on a farm in Tuscarawas Township, although he still followed the ministry. When about eighty-six years old, he was called from earth.

The parental family consisted of twelve children, of whom the following survive: John, a resident of Emporia, Kan.; Joseph, a minister, now residing in Oregon; Alexander, of Vinton, Iowa; Maria, wife of Rev. D. R. Colmery, of Los An-

geles, Cal.; Archibald R., of this sketch; Isabella, wife of J. M. C. Wilson, whose home is in Kansas City, Mo., and Calvin, of Eugene City, Ore. The deceased are: William, Rev. Samuel, Elizabeth, Rev. James W., and Newton, the last-named losing his life in the Civil War.

The late J. W. Hanna is worthy of more than passing notice. He was born in Mt. Eaton, Ohio, January 4, 1827, and was a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College in the Class of '51. His theological training was received at the Western Seminary, of Allegheny City, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1854. On the same day which witnessed his graduation, May 11, he was married to Miss Joanna M. Smith. His first ministerial charge was at Fulton, Ohio, and he afterward accepted the pastorate of the church at La Porte, Ind. Later, he was pastor of the church near Vinton, Iowa, and from 1873 to 1877 had a charge at Mt. Vernon, later officiating as pastor of the church at Grundy Center. He then moved to Kansas and spent the closing years of his life at Emporia. His death occurred March 16, 1892, and, at his request, his remains were laid beside those of three of his children in the Mt. Vernon, Iowa, cemetery.

Our subject was reared to manhood in Stark County, and has engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his entire active life. He laid the foundation of his education in the common schools of the district, and added to his general fund of information by a systematic course of reading and study. January 13, 1857, he was married to Miss Mary J. Cook, of Wayne County, Ohio, and the daughter of Asa C. Cook, formerly a prominent citizen of that county. Prior to her marriage, she was a teacher in the schools of Wayne and Stark Counties, and was very successful in that profession. Seven children were born of the union, namely: Charles, deceased; Mary, wife of S. A. McDowell, a resident of Burt County, Neb.; Hulda, at home; William, who resides in Nebraska; Frank, a teacher in the Rotch School; Eva and Earl E., who are at home.

For more than a half-century Mr. Hanna resided in Tuscarawas Township, where he served as Trustee, and in other positions of responsibility. For one year he was President of the Stark County Agricultural Society, and for two years served as President of the Stark County Horticultural Society. For twenty-one years, in Dalton, Ohio, he officiated as Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and is now serving as such in the church at Massillon. In politics, he is a Republican, and a stanch supporter of the principles of his party. The Rotch School farm, as above stated, comprises one hundred and eighty-five acres, over the management of which our subject has complete supervision. He is thoroughly conversant with the details of the work, and his indomitable energy almost invariably brings success to his efforts.

WILLIAM NIESZ is an old resident of Stark County, with whose farming and stock-raising interests he has been long connected. He was born in Canton Township, on the southwest quarter of section 30, May 28, 1822, and his interest in the welfare of this section and his public spirit are recognized and appreciated. He is the son of John Niesz, who was born in Pennsylvania, in 1798, and who, in turn, was the son of George Niesz, also a native of that State. The first representatives of the family came to America from Germany in Colonial times.

Grandfather Niesz was a blacksmith by trade, and in 1807, on coming to this State, made the journey overland and located in Canton Township. Here he entered a tract of land from the Government, on which he built a log cabin in the woods, and there resided, engaged in its improvement and cultivation, until reaching his fiftieth year. His son, the father of our subject, was a lad of eight years when the journey was made to this State, and here he attended the old-fashioned log schoolhouse, which was heated by a fire in a large, open fireplace and lighted by means of a hole in the wall, from which a log had been taken. All the schools were then conducted on the subscription plan and the teachers boarded around among the

pupils. When attaining mature years, like his father, he was engaged as a farmer and was more than ordinarily successful in his operations, owning at the time of his death a quarter-section of valuable land. During the last twenty-five years of his life, he was engaged in preaching in the United Brethren Church, and traveled for many years throughout this section as a missionary. He did great good in this way and was instrumental in establishing a great many churches of that denomination throughout this part of the State. He died in 1872, when seventy-four years of age. He was a Republican in politics, and no one knew him but to regard him with the highest esteem.

The father of our subject was married to Mary Young, who was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1798. In 1805, she was brought by her parents to this county and was given as good an education as could be obtained in the pioneer schools of this locality. By her union with Mr. Niesz were born the following children, of whom the two deceased were named, respectively, Elizabeth and Jacob. Those living are William, Mary, George, Barbara Ellen, John K., Sarah A., and Benjamin F. The wife and mother died when in her seventy-second year, a devoted member of the United Brethren Church.

He whose name heads this sketch has always lived in this township, and obtained a fair education in the pioneer schools here and proved of great assistance to his father in developing his farm. It has been his good fortune to witness the entire transformation of this section and to see thriving towns and fine farms spring up where in his boyhood was nothing but an uninhabited wilderness. Since attaining manhood, he has largely helped in the work that has wrought this great change, and has placed himself among the most prosperous men of his calling in the county.

When twenty-three years of age, our subject began in life for himself, and in 1844 was married to Miss Delilah Roush, who was born in Pennsylvania, and came to this State with her parents in 1830. To them has been granted a family of six children, namely: Mary A. (deceased), John F., Jacob N. (deceased), Uria, Artie and Delilah. The mother of these children died in 1852 and Mr. Niesz was married to his second wife in 1853. She bore the name of Ann Eliza Neisz, and by their union were born four children: Frank B., Henrietta, William S. and Sarah E. She was a devoted member of the United Brethren Church, and died in 1862.

In 1844, Mr. Niesz located on his present farm, the only improvements on which were a rude log cabin and fifty acres partially cleared. His present estate of one hundred and sixty acres has been acquired by thrifty habits and persistent industry. In addition to raising the cereals which are best adapted to the soil in his locality, he devotes some attention to the breeding of fine stock, keeping on his place twenty head of cattle, eight head of horses and numbers of sheep and hogs. His large frame residence, which was erected in 1878, is a model of its kind, and his commodious barn, which was built in 1854, is well adapted to the purposes for which it is used.

Our subject is one of the most useful members of the United Brethren Church, in which body he has served as Class-leader and is now Trustee. He has been a liberal contributor toward its support, and the reality of his religious profession is shown in his daily conduct toward all about him. In politics, he is identified with the Republican party, and during the late war was Captain of a militia in Canton and Pike Townships. When he entered upon his career as a farmer, he had but a limited amount of this world's goods, but by economy and a judicious investment of his means, he accumulated property and now occupies a position among the most substantial men of the county.

MARTIN L. BEST, of Canton, claims Pennsylvania as the State of his nativity. He was born in Fayette County, on the 16th of September, 1825, and his father, Christian Best, was a native of the same locality. The latter was a leather finisher by trade and subsequently was engaged in the milling business. He was killed by falling from a bridge on a rock cause-

way, his death occurring the day succeeding the accident, February 12, 1839, in Carroll County, Ohio. He married Susanna Lutz, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Martin Lutz, of German descent. Her death occurred in 1850. The family numbered nine children, seven of whom grew to mature years, the other two having died in infancy.

Our subject is the eldest son. His parents removed to Carroll County, Ohio, when he was only three years old and he there spent his boyhood and attended the common schools. When his education was completed, he began learning the trade of a tinner and coppersmith, serving an apprenticeship of five years and six months with Thomas H. Harbaugh, of Carlton, Ohio, He then traveled as a journeyman for two years, after which he returned to Carroll County, and was united in marriage with Elizabeth Clark, daughter of William Clark. Unto them have been born four children: William A., C. V.; Eva D., wife of George Althouse, and J. G.

Our subject and his wife began their domestic life in Jefferson, Ohio, where he worked at his trade for five years. He then went to Steubenville and became manager of the works of Sharp & Craig, manufacturers in tin and copper and extensive dealers in stoves, serving in that position for eighteen months. He then returned to Carlton and embarked in business in that line on his own account. In 1855, he took charge of the tin and copper shop of D. H. Harman in Canton, continuing that connection until the spring of 1859, when he formed a partnership with Henry Russell and bought out the tin shop of R. Little & Horn. To his business he then devoted his energies until 1862, when he bought out the firm of Russell & Son and formed a partnership with John Luper. Six months later, Mr. Best sold his interest to his partner and established a jobbing shop, working principally for C. Aultman & Co. Subsequently, he began dealing in metal cornices and roofing and continued in that line of trade until 1881, when he invented what is known as the Sun Vapor Burners, securing two patents on the same. The Sun Vapor Street Light Company was then organized, L. L. & Jacob Miller being associated with our subject as partners. In 1888, the business was incorporated with a capital stock of $175,000, Jacob Miller being elected President; Levi Miller, Treasurer, and Martin Best, Vice-president and General Manager. On the death of Jacob Miller in 1889, his stock was purchased by James McNath, and Robert A. Miller bought that of L. L. Miller, Mr. Best retaining his half-interest. The business was continued under this management for six months, when Mr. Best sold all of his shares, with one exception, to Robert A. Miller. Since that time, he has been a Director of the company and keeps a general oversight on the business.

Other interests have occupied the attention of our subject. He is now a stockholder in the Artificial Ice and Storage Company, of Canton, and in the Building and Loan Association. He started out in life at an early age without capital, and to his own efforts is due the success he has achieved in life. In politics, he is a supporter of Republican principles and keeps himself well informed on the issues of the day, but has never been an office-seeker.

JONAS R. WALTER. None are more worthy of mention in a biographical record than the men who have begun the battle of life at an early period, unarmed for the contest but by their native wit, determined spirit and bodily vigor. One of this class is Jonas R. Walter, who owns one of the best-regulated farms in Stark County. It consists of ninety acres in Tuscarawas Township, which are made remunerative by careful and intelligent cultivation, and have been supplied with all needful structures and many improvements, both useful and beautiful.

A native of Lancaster County, Pa., Mr. Walter was born November 8, 1812, to John and Catherine (Roup) Walter, natives, also, of the Keystone State, and of German descent. He accompanied his parents to Westmoreland County when quite young, and after a residence there for a short time

moved with them to Allegheny County, where he grew to man's estate. He attended school during the winter, working hard during the other seasons in order that he might obtain such an education as the public schools offered advantages for, and with the energy that has characterized him through life, pursued an undeviating course. When reaching his eighteenth year, he served an apprenticeship of three years to the baker's and confectioner's trade, which line of business he followed for some time.

In 1836, in company with his parents, young Walter came to this State, and for a few months made his home in Wayne County, after which he came with the family to Tuscarawas Township, this county, which has since been his home, and where the father and mother died. The parental family of eight children bore the respective names of Jonas, Abigail, Nicholas, David, Anna B., George, Elizabeth, and John R.

At the bride's home, October 15, 1840, our subject was married to Miss Susan Houck, who was born in Lebanon County, Pa., January 25, 1822. She was the daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Sprecher) Houck, natives of Pennsylvania. She was orphaned by the death of her father when eight years of age, and after that event, in company with her mother and other members of the family, came to Stark County and made her home in Tuscarawas Township, where she met and married our subject. Her mother, who was one of the pioneer settlers of this section, departed this life at a good old age in 1868.

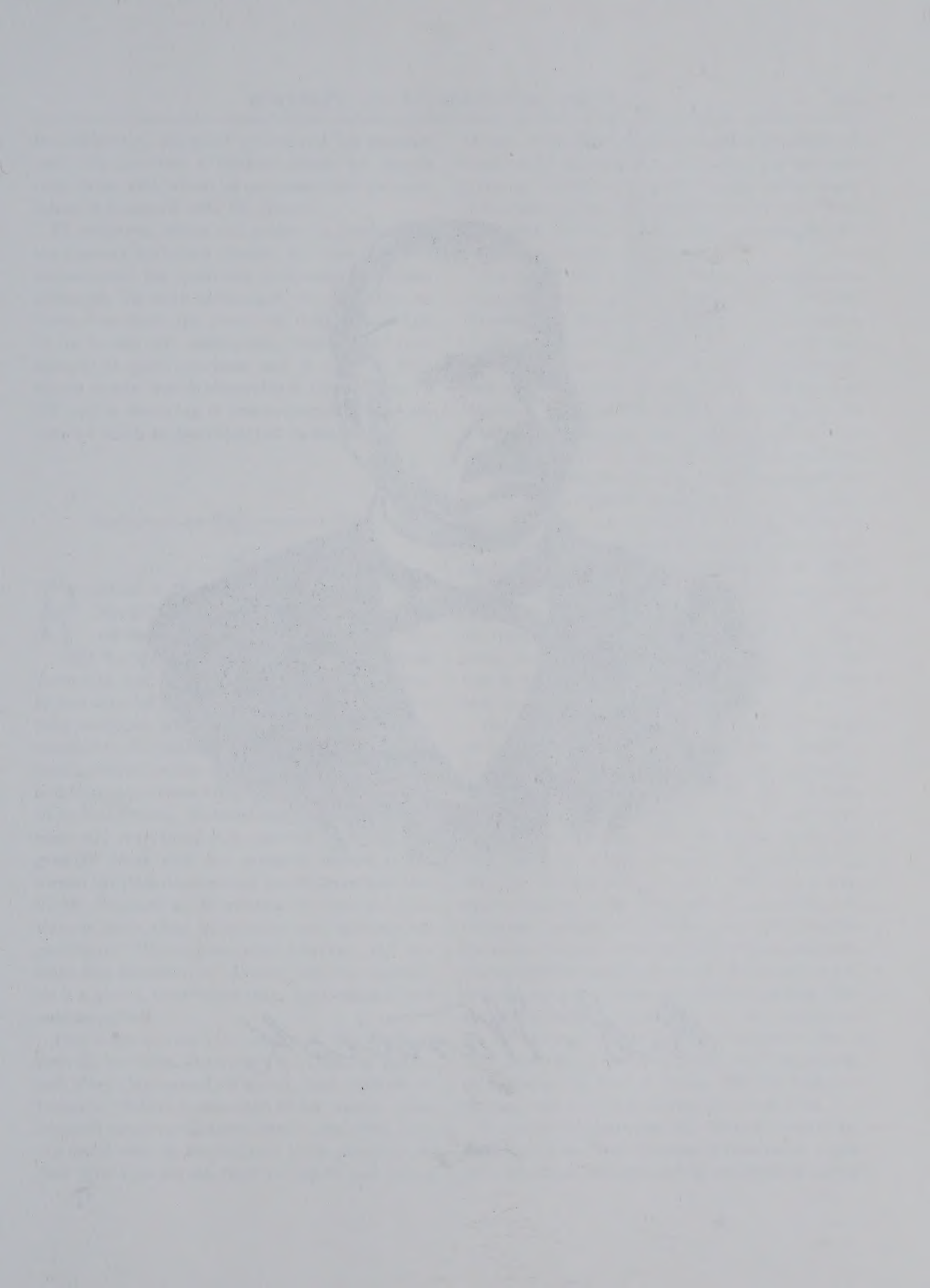
To Mr. and Mrs. Walter have been born eight children, viz: Mary C., John L., William B., Lydia, Anna B., Margaret A., Clinton, and George. Our subject located upon his present farm in the spring of 1865, and since that time has continued to give his attention to farming, and has now one of the best and most productive tracts in the township. As before stated, his property includes ninety acres, upon which he has erected a convenient and attractive dwelling, which has been the seat of a happy home life.

He whose name introduces this sketch is self-made in all that the term implies, and has endeavored to act the part of a good citizen, not only in his law-abiding conduct, but in his sympathy with, and aid in, the various movements promulgated for the public good. He and his good wife are devoted members of the Lutheran Church, and endeavor in their daily lives to carry out the precepts of the Golden Rule. In his political relations, Mr. Walter is a stanch Republican, and is greatly interested in the success of the party.

ISAAC HENNINGER. Of the men who are successfully prosecuting agricultural work in Stark County, it may well be said that their name is legion. One who is pleasantly located in Perry Township is he whose name introduces this sketch. He is a native of Dauphin County, Pa., his birth occurring March 10, 1821, he being the son of Sebastian and Barbara Henninger, natives, respectively, of the Keystone State and Germany.

Our subject grew to manhood in this State and county, his earliest recollections being of the cabin home built of logs, with puncheon floor and clapboard roof, and of a section of country which was not yet fully developed. He attended the pioneer schools, and determining to follow the occupation of an agriculturist, began work in that line when quite young. The lady to whom he was married in April, 1842, was Catherine Umholtz, also a native of Pennsylvania. She became the mother of seven children, of whom four survive, viz.: Sarah, the wife of Lewis Smith; Amanda, Mrs. William H. H. Martin; Susan, the wife of William Pitzcker; and Isaac. Henry died while a soldier in the Union army. The names of the two other members of the family were Barbara and Catherine.

The original of this sketch in 1865 took up his abode in this State, coming direct to this county, and locating in Perry Township. His estate comprises a quarter-section, which is well improved with the necessary machinery and stock and which is one of the first-class farms in all its appointments. Mr. Henninger is a law-abiding citizen, and one who in social life is friendly and obliging, while in his home he is considerate and shows that



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he appreciates the good qualities of his companion. He receives a merited degree of respect from those with whom he associates, and his reputation is in accord with his deserts.

In religious affairs, our subject is a member of the German Reformed Church, in which body he has occupied the positions of Deacon and Elder. Although his early advantages were not equal to those furnished the youth of this day and age, he is a man of intelligence, having read and thought to good purpose, and is held in high repute as one who is honorable in his relations in life and is deserving of commendation for the enterprise which he has displayed in his affairs.

ROBERT S. WARWICK. The traveler in Stark County will find no farm home better deserving of notice than that of Mr. Warwick. It is located in Sugar Creek Township and comprises two hundred and twenty-five acres of land, thoroughly tilled and carefully managed, while the buildings upon it are unexcelled in the county. There is a handsome residence, besides which a large barn, stable, granary, and other structures fitted for various uses are also to be found here. The best stock is kept upon the place and everything is in keeping with the progressive ideas and the energetic nature of the owner. All this comfort and wealth have been won by Mr. Warwick at the expense of hard and continuous labor, close calculation and prudent expenditure. His early struggles, however, did not make him penurious or morose; on the contrary, he is a genial, benevolent man, open-handed and public-spirited.

Our subject, who is a native of the North of Ireland, was born, December 25, 1833, to Robert and Mary (McConnell) Warwick, both natives of Ireland. Robert S. remained in his native country until reaching his seventeenth year, when, having heard much of the fortunes to be gained in the New World, he set sail from Liverpool and after a voyage of twenty-one days, landed on American shores and later came to this county. He had been given an excellent education in his native land, and on coming to the United States attended school for a time, and now keeps himself thoroughly informed upon events of interest.

The father of our subject was a prominent merchant in Ireland, and his uncle, the Rev. William Warwick, was Rector in the Established Episcopal Church in the North of Ireland. On making the voyage to this country, our subject was accompanied by his brother, the Hon. J. G. Warwick, of Massillon, who at the time of his demise, August 14, 1892, was representing the old McKinley District in Congress. For seven years after making his advent into this county, he of whom we write engaged in the dry-goods business in Massillon, in company with his brother just mentioned, in which branch of trade they were very prosperous. After abandoning the mercantile business, Mr. Warwick, in 1862, came in the fall of that year to Sugar Creek Township and purchased the property upon which he has resided since that time. His estate is very valuable, and upon all matters pertaining to agriculture he keeps thoroughly posted, and his influence both as a farmer and citizen is great.

The wife of our subject, whom he married in 1861, was formerly Miss Delila Watson, a native of Wayne County, this State, and a daughter of James and Susannah Watson. The three children born of their union are: John, James W. and Samuel R. Mrs. Warwick, who was a most estimable lady, and held in high esteem in the community, departed this life in May, 1875. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while her husband is identified with the English Episcopal Church. He is a modest, unassuming man, of considerable intelligence and of earnest nature, and as a strong advocate of schools, has been frequently solicited to hold office on the Board, but has refused to accept any public position. He is Democratic in his political belief, and his character and ways are such as to win friends wherever he goes, and he is well spoken of on all sides.

A number of years ago, Mr. Warwick was a candidate from the State Senatorial District in which he resides, but was defeated by his opponent, Prof.

Hartshorn. In Mr. Warwick we see a man who, solely by his own efforts, has made what he to-day possesses. Steadily he has worked his way upward to a position of wealth and affluence, and has laid by for himself a comfortable competence. His example might well be followed by young men who, like himself, have no capital with which to begin life, but by properly using the talents which Nature has given them they will succeed, if they conform to those principles which have characterized the life of Mr. Warwick—industry and enterprise.

REV. JOSIAH A. GRIMM, the most efficient and popular pastor of the Evangelical Church, on Stark Circuit, Pittsburgh, is a native of Stark County, Ohio, being born in Washington Township on the 12th of November, 1837. His parents, Andrew and Anna (Risley) Grimm, were natives of Stark County, Ohio, also. Andrew Grimm resided in Washington until his death, May 25, 1865, when fifty-five years of age, and was a very successful farmer of his section. His wife followed him to the grave on the 26th of June, 1874, when sixty-two years of age. The grandfather, Joseph Grimm, was a resident of Jefferson County, Ohio, and had two brothers who made permanent settlements in that county, their descendants residing there now. Joseph Grimm, however, moved to Stark County and there reared his family.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch was the eldest of a family of nine children, seven of whom grew to mature years and six still living, as follows: Mrs. Catherine Huford resides in Marshall County, Ind., on a farm; George is a farmer of Van Wert County, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Scott resides on a farm in Lexington Township, Stark County, Ohio; and Mrs. Rachel Keller resides in Erie, Pa. Levi Grimm was also a minister in the Evangelical Church and labored in Indiana. He died in Stark County when twenty-two years of age, and is buried at Salem Cemetery, Washington Township, this county. He was a single man. Sarah A., wife of Rev. Frederick Ellenburgher, a minister of the Evangelical Association of the Pittsburgh Conference, resides in Du Bois, Clearfield County, Pa.

The early life of our subject was passed on a farm and in attending the district school, where he received a good practical education. Being possessed of a more than usually bright mind and a very retentive memory, he began teaching at the age of eighteen, and about that time he became identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, although his father was a member of the United Brethren Church. His youthful days gave a forecast of what his life's work was likely to be, for after he began teaching, he would attend the Mt. Union College during the summer months. After remaining with the Methodist Episcopal Church for four years, he united with the Evangelical Association and received a license to exhort. He served in that capacity in Washington Township about three years, and in 1867 received his license to preach. He first took a position as assistant on Stark Circuit, where he is now located. He is a forcible and eloquent speaker and is evidently deeply interested in the noble work in which he is engaged.

On the 12th of April, 1866, he wedded Miss Mercy R. Scott, a sister of Jonathan Scott, who married our subject's sister Mary. Mrs. Grimm was born in Alliance, Ohio, November 13, 1844, to the union of Isaac and Mary (Cassidy) Scott. In 1868, Mr. Grimm took charge as assistant of Clearfield Circuit, in Clearfield County, Pa., and after laboring there one year, took charge at Somerset Circuit, Somerset County, Pa., for two years. After this, he went to Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa., as first missionary and was minister for three years. He was the organizer of the church in Kernville, in Johnstown proper, and while there, he was instrumental in collecting funds from various places to build the church. After this, he served as Collector in what were then the districts of Pittsburgh, Alleghany and Somerset, and collected about $3,000 for that purpose during those

three years. He preached regularly at the places, Johnstown, Conemaugh and South Fork, and occasionally at other places where churches were started. He organized the first church at the first three named places, also organized one at Ben's Creek, eight miles from Johnstown. Later, he was appointed Presiding Elder in Somerset District, and continued to reside in Johnstown. Afterward, he removed to Somerset, remained there eighteen months, but still had charge of the district as Presiding Elder. About this time, the name of the district was changed to that of Johnstown, but included the same territory. It remained thus one year, when it was changed to Johnstown and Alleghany District. Mr. Grimm was given charge of Alleghany District, and as there was a debt of $7,000, he was able to pay the most of this off. He thus served for six years as Presiding Elder, and then moved to Canton, Ohio, where he was Presiding Elder of Pittsburgh District for four years. He subsequently moved back to Johnstown as Presiding Elder, but on account of the poor health of his wife he resigned and moved to Mahoning County, where he took charge of lighter work in order to give his wife more attention. Three years later, after serving in North Lima charge, he moved to East Liberty, Summit County, and continued there in charge of Summit Circuit for three years. In the spring of 1891, he came to his present home, where he preached his first sermon, and here he has resided since.

To his marriage were born five interesting children, as follows: Elmer Ellsworth, born October 20, 1867, in Washington Township, Stark County, Ohio, was graduated in the commercial course and penmanship, at Mt. Union, Ohio. He was married on the 6th of February, 1890, to Miss Sadie Cramer, of Myersville, Summit County, Ohio, and they have one child, Olive Jay, whose birth occurred on the 24th of September, 1891. Royal, born at Somerset, Pa., on the 18th of May, 1870, is a natural artist. From early boyhood he displayed much genius in that line, and when in Mahoning County, Ohio, he took lessons in crayon work. He is now learning watch-making in Canton, Ohio. William A. died in infancy; Edith was born in Johnstown, Pa., January 1, 1878; and Howard was born in Canton and died in Johnstown. Mr. Grimm has ever been a Republican and his first Presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. His father at one time was a Whig, but later espoused the principles of the Republican party.

HENRY MASE is a well-known and influential citizen of Stark County and bears a prominent part in the various affairs of Bethlehem Township, where he is at present residing. He is social, benevolent and energetic, and is well known as a man of good judgment and possessing that personal character which has won a high degree of respect from those with whom he has been associated.

A native of Pennsylvania, our subject was born in Lebanon County, November 4, 1821, to Michael and Christina (Spangler) Mase, who were also natives of that State and county and of German descent. The father of our subject early in the '30s emigrated with his wife and family of two children to this county, coming overland with teams, the journey consuming seventeen days. They first located in the northern portion of Sugar Creek Township, making their home in a rude log cabin, where the elder Mr. Mase purchased ninety-five acres of land, thirty acres of which had been partially improved. There they continued to reside for four years, when they again took up the line of march, and came to Bethlehem Township. The father worked perseveringly to redeem his property from the wilderness and at his death, which occurred in 1859, had a good estate. His estimable wife, who survived him a number of years, died in 1888, having attained the advanced age of ninety years.

Of the parental family of four children, two are living, our subject and his brother Jonathan; those deceased are John and Samuel. The father of our subject was an influential member of the German Reformed Church, which body

he had served for many years as Elder. He was a tailor by trade and was at all times ready and willing to contribute toward the upbuilding of his adopted county. In his political relations, he voted with the Democratic party.

Henry Mase, at an early age, attended school and received all educational advantages possible in those days, when schoolhouses were rude and the information imparted in them was meagre indeed. Ohio at that time possessed none of the advanced ideas that at the present day make it a popular place for educational matters. Our subject has always followed the life of an agriculturist, and his enviable position in the community is due to his own unaided efforts, as he was early compelled to commence the battle of life on his own account. Adversity developed the sterling qualities of his character, and while acquiring for himself a competency, he has at the same time assisted in the development of the resources of his township and county.

The marriage of Mr. Mase occurred January 13, 1848, at which time Miss Sarah A. Kern became his wife. She was born March 31, 1829, and is the daughter of John and Christina (Boughman) Kern, natives of Pennsylvania who emigrated to this county in the '20s and located in Sugar Creek Township, where they resided for many years. Later in life, they removed to Adams County, Ind., where the father died in March, 1875. The mother, who is still residing there, has attained the advanced age of eighty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Kern were the parents of nine children, five of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Mase; Elmina, Mrs. Daniel Raling; Philip, Washington and Adam.

The three children comprised in the family of our subject and his wife are Elmina, Mrs. William Stamm; Amos B., Treasurer of Bethlehem Township; and Christina, wife of Levi R. Lash. Our subject took up his abode on his present estate of one hundred and ninety-nine acres in the spring of 1859, and on the death of his father received his portion of the home farm. His place is well cultivated and bears all the improvements which are to be found on first-class estates.

Mr. Mase has been called upon to serve as a Director on the School Board, and while the incumbent of that position rendered much efficient service. He is a devoted member of the German Reformed Church, and as an active member of that denomination has served as its Elder. In his political views, he favors Democratic principles, and casts a straight ballot for his party. The son of our subject, Amos Mase, is a prominent and enterprising young man and occupies the position of Treasurer of Bethlehem Township, to which office he was elected in the spring of 1891; he was born September 13, 1850, and married Miss Esther Baker, daughter of Henry and Catherine Baker, by whom he became the father of a son, Henry C. Following in the footsteps of his father, he is also a Democrat in politics and for a number of years has been an agent for agricultural implements.

JACOB WAGONER, foreman of the machine department of the Massillon Bridge Works, and one of the finest machinists of the city, is a native of Perry Township, this county, born on the 18th of September, 1841, two miles east of Massillon. His father, Christian Wagoner was a native of the Keystone State, born near Shippensburgh in 1806, and the grandfather, John Wagoner, was also a native of that State, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. About the year 1812, he brought his family to Ohio, and was one of the first settlers of Perry Township, Stark County. He entered land where the father of our subject now lives and tilled the soil until death claimed him.

Christian Wagoner was but six years of age when he came with his parents to Ohio, and nearly all his recollections are of his adopted State. He assisted his father in improving the wild land he had entered, and now resides on one hundred acres of this land. In politics, he is a Democrat, and in religion is a member of the German Reformed Church. He assisted in building the first Reformed Church in Massillon. His wife, formerly Miss Susan Oberlin, was a native of Greenville,

Darke County, Ohio, and her father was a soldier of the War of 1812. She passed away in 1866. Six of the nine children born to this estimable couple are now living.

At an early age our subject became familiar with the duties of the farm, and when fourteen he began clerking for his brother-in-law, Marks Joseph, in Uniontown, where he remained one year. He then returned to the farm, and remained there until twenty-two years of age, after which he began working for Russell & Co. In the fall of 1863, he went to Wooster, and was employed in Barrett's machine shop, where he remained for eighteen months, after which he returned to Massillon. He was here employed in the Harmon Shriver Coal Banks for six months, then with the Sablin Agricultural Implement Works, and was with other firms for eight or nine years. After this, he was in the Willow Bank Coal Mines, engaged in keeping the engine in repairs, and subsequently was with Snyder Bros. In 1875, he was employed by the Massillon Bridge Company, and first ran both an engine and a lathe. Later, he operated the latter alone, and in 1882 he became foreman of the machine shop. He is one of the oldest and one of the very best machinists in the city, and thoroughly understands his business.

Mr. Wagoner was first married in Brookfield, Ohio, in the year 1863, to Miss Mary Snyder, daughter of Fred H. Snyder (see sketch), and she died in Massillon, leaving four children, as follows: Cora, now Mrs. Austin, of this city; Anna; Charles, clerking for the Bee Hive in this city; and Ella, at home, a graduate of the High School. Mr. Wagoner's second marriage occurred on December 20, 1883, to Miss Florence Dangler, a native of Massillon, and the daughter of Isaac Dangler, who was a native of Reading, Pa. Her grandfather, Samuel Dangler, was born in Berks County, Pa., and followed the pursuit of farming. He served in the War of 1812 for a number of years, and in 1821 came to Stark County, Ohio, where he entered and improved land. He married Miss Sarah Bowen, also a native of Berks County, Pa., and of Scotch descent. Isaac Dangler was reared in Stark County, and has been engaged in the dry-goods business here for years. He is now employed as clerk for Humburger & Co. His wife's maiden name was Burr. Mr. Wagoner is a member of the Order of American Mechanics, and in politics, is a Republican. In his religious views, he is a Presbyterian, having been Trustee in that church for some time.

AARON P. GOULD. The original of this sketch was born in Aurora, Portage County, Ohio, August 24, 1855, and is the son of John W. and Eliza (Post) Gould, the former a native of Guilford, Vt., and the latter of Saybrook, Conn. The mother was a daughter of Aaron Post and came to Twinsburgh, Summit County, Ohio, in 1821, having traveled the entire distance from Connecticut with ox-teams, which journey consumed a period of six weeks. The father of Mr. Gould came to Ohio in 1837 and settled at Twinsburgh. He followed the occupation of a farmer until 1883, when he retired from active life and now resides at Kent, Ohio.

By this marriage were born two sons and two daughters, of whom our subject is third in order of birth. His youthful days were passed in his native county. Up to nineteen years of age, he divided his time between attending the public schools and working on a farm. At the age of nineteen, he went to Akron, Ohio, and for several years studied architecture under Jacob Snyder. Finding this occupation too sedentary, he returned home and worked his father's farm for a year. Then he entered the employ of Aultman, Miller & Co., of Akron, Ohio, and remained with them until the following year, when he accepted a position with C. Aultman & Co., of Canton, where he was employed for three seasons. He then carried on a contracting and building business, being associated with Levi Crum.

In 1883, Mr. Gould formed a co-partnership with H. R. Spencer and acquired a one-half interest in a surgical chair invention, organizing the Canton Surgical Chair Company. In March, 1887, this

was merged into the Canton Surgical and Dental Chair Company, Mr. Gould having charge of its mechanical department.

On the 22d of April, 1879, Mr. Gould was united in marriage to Miss Emma Walcutt, daughter of Elias and Frances (Zollars) Walcutt, and a native of Stark County. One son, Herbert A., blesses the union. Mr. and Mrs. Gould are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and have a very pleasant home at No. 45 North Walnut Street.

Mr. Gould comes of one of the oldest families in the United States, his ancestors, John Gould and wife, coming from Towcester, England, to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1635, and settling in Charleston, Mass. His great-grandfather, Thomas Gould, was born in Worcester, Mass., October 3, 1771, and at the age of two years, with his parents, removed to Guilford, Vt. He was a farmer by occupation. Mr. Gould's great-great-grandfather, Stephen, was born at Sutton, Mass., September 18, 1748, and was a manufacturer of potash. He belonged to the Revolutionary army and was in the battles of Lexington and Concord, being the son of Thomas Gould, Jr., who was born at Reading, Mass., in 1723, and who lost his life in 1755, in the eastern expedition against the French in Nova Scotia. Thomas Gould, Jr., was a great-great-grandson of the first ancestor of the family in America, the original of this sketch being of the ninth generation in the United States. On the maternal side, our subject's ancestor, Stephen Post, came to this country from England in 1633 and was one of the original founders of Hartford, Conn.

Aaron P. Gould, the subject of this sketch, has not been idle in supplying the demands for mechanical devices and helps to the surgical and dental professions, and in this connection a sketch of the growth and development of the Canton Surgical and Dental Chair Company, of which Mr. Gould is the most efficient and worthy President, is here in order.

This company had its inception in a very humble way, in the fall of 1883, when Mr. Gould bought a one-half interest in a surgical chair invention and organized the Canton Surgical Chair Company. Immediately he set about to change and improve this invention, and the result was an entirely new chair from the invention purchased and which became known to the profession as the Canton Surgical Chair.

The introduction of this chair to the profession was received by them with such favor that the company was encouraged to proceed with its experimenting, and after years of trials and triumphs on the part of Mr. Gould, they were enabled to offer to the profession that beautiful and faultless piece of mechanism, the Yale Surgical Chair of to-day.

In 1887, Mr. Gould succeeded in organizing a stock company known as the Canton Surgical and Dental Chair Company, with several thousand dollars' capital stock, which enabled him to more extensively put his chairs and other inventions into general use, and this marked an epoch in the rise and progress of one of Canton's most substantial industries. The Yale Chair, by its superior merit, was soon recognized by the medical profession as embodying all that is perfect in the surgeon's chair.

Another chair upon which this company has gained a world-wide reputation is the Improved Gould Dental Chair, which was invented by Mr. Gould and is the most popular dental chair in the world to-day, being used in every civilized country of the globe. The largely increasing sales of these two chairs each year show that the efforts of this company have not been in vain.

January 30, 1892, their entire factory on East Seventh Street was destroyed by fire. They immediately set about to find a place in which to temporarily manufacture their goods. They were so successful that in fifteen days after the fire they were filling orders for all goods. Immediate steps were taken to rebuild, land was purchased, and a much larger and more convenient plant was erected.

The new offices and works are located at the corner of East Eighth and South Walnut Streets, where over fifty men find steady employment. The building is four stories with basement and attic; it has thirty-five feet frontage on Walnut Street and two hundred feet on Eighth Street, and is equipped with the most modern tools and machinery for their various manufactures.

This company has added to its line of chairs

fountain dental spittoons, dental engines, and other surgical and dental supplies, the inventions, in whole or in part, of Mr. Gould.

The rapid growth and substantial development of the Canton Surgical and Dental Chair Company reflects the highest credit on the ability and indomitable enterprise of its officers. From a small beginning, they are now one of the leading surgical and dental chair manufacturers in the country.

The following officers were elected in May, 1887, and still hold office: Aaron P. Gould, President and Superintendent; E. W. Gould, Vice-president; Albert Hoeffer, Secretary; John C. Skelton, Treasurer; and John Karrer, Assistant Superintendent.

HON. E. N. JOHNSON, who is now living retired in Alliance, was born in Mt. Union, Stark County, Ohio, May 22, 1826, and is a son of E. N. and Dorcas (Moffatt) Johnson, the former a native of Fayette County, Pa., and the latter of Washington County, Pa. They are of English and Irish descent, respectively. The ancestors on both sides were farmers and became wealthy people. The maternal grandfather was born on the Emerald Isle, and died in Washington County, Pa., after amassing quite a fortune.

The father of our subject was reared in Washington County upon a farm, and in 1818 came to Stark County, Ohio. The following year, he removed his family to the new home, the journey being made in the old-fashioned moving wagon. Mr. Johnson became one of the pioneers of Washington Township, and in the midst of the forest built a rough log cabin, in which he made his home for a number of years, or until he could afford a better residence. This farm had been entered by his father, Caleb Johnson, in 1806, and was transferred to the son in 1820. These two deeds, among the oldest in the county, are the only two ever drawn for this farm, and they are still in the possession of the family. E. N. Johnson, Sr., served as Justice of the Peace in Stark County for over a quarter of a century, and was also appointed and served as Surveyor in an early day. In politics, he was a Whig. He was a very influential and prominent citizen. His death occurred in September, 1889, at the very advanced age of one hundred years, five months and twenty days.

Our subject is the fourth in order of birth in a family of eleven children, ten of whom are now living. He was reared upon a farm, and attended the public schools until eighteen years of age, when he entered Marlborough College. He was afterward a student in Mt. Union College, and was subsequently employed as a teacher in that institute for several years. He then went East, and established what is now known as the Southwestern Normal College, a State institution, which is located in Washington County, Pa., on the farm of his grandfather. This was in 1853, and he was its Principal for eight years. On account of failing health, Mr. Johnson then returned to Ohio, and entered the Law School of Cleveland, from which he was graduated. It was his full intention to practice that profession, but on returning home he was prevailed upon to accept a position in the Alliance school, where he and his wife taught for one year.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1853 to Miss Jane Scott, a native of Scotland, and a well-educated and cultivated lady. She is a teacher by profession, and was associated with Mr. Johnson in all his school life. They have one son, James W., who has been in the Government employ for several years. He is a graduate of the National University Law School, his diploma being conferred upon him by President Arthur in 1884. He is now in the Interior Department, taking census.

On leaving the Alliance school, Mr. Johnson was nominated and elected to the State Legislature, and so well did he discharge the duties of that office that he was re-elected, and served for two terms, or four years. He then removed to his farm, and lived practically retired for some time. Subsequently, he was appointed by Secretary Sherman to fill a position in the United States Treasury Office, and while in Washington filled various Government positions. He was in the War De-

partment for two and a half years, and was made Special Examiner in the United States Pension Office, filling that position for more than four years. Since that time, Mr. Johnson has lived practically retired. He has acquired a comfortable competency, which enables him to lay aside all business cares, and rest in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former labor.

Socially, Mr. Johnson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his wife belongs to the Presbyterian Church. He is alike true to every public and private trust, and when filling public offices he discharges his duties with promptness and fidelity, to the credit of himself and the satisfaction of his constituents. He is a highly respected citizen of this community.

LOUIS A. KOONS. The mercantile establishment par excellence of the city of Massillon is the spacious and handsome emporium belonging to Louis A. Koons, located very eligibly at No. 9 Main Street. It is in all respects a leading and well-appointed establishment, where is always displayed an unusually fine and very complete assortment of everything in the lines indicated, every department being replete with the latest novelties. The prices quoted, too, are rock-bottom figures, yet no inferior goods are allowed to be placed in stock, patrons being assured of receiving honest value and satisfactory treatment in this deservedly popular store. He has been established in his present place of business since 1888, and does a jobbing, wholesale and retail trade. Four floors are now occupied, each 17x125 feet, and for the successful handling of his goods and for the accommodation of his patrons he has an elevator. Two rooms are devoted to the retail trade. "The Bazar" is the largest house of the kind in the county, and one of the very largest in the State.

Mr. Koons was born in this county, March 27, 1858, to Jacob and Catherine (Ruckenbroad) Koons, the former of whom was born in Germany and there passed the life of a farmer until his removal to America at the age of eighteen years. He located in Massillon, and began working in the old machine shop of Hart & Brown, continuing until his death, in 1868, at the age of forty-eight years. He was an expert machinist, and possessed many worthy traits of character, but was of a quiet, retiring disposition. He was an earnest member of St. John's Evangelical Church, which he helped to build up. His wife was born near Columbiana, Ohio, and was a daughter of Rev. Michael Ruckenbroad, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. When a young man he came to America, and followed his trade of shoemaker in Pennsylvania, afterward settling in Columbiana County, Ohio, when it was a wilderness, entering and improving a farm there. In addition to this, he worked at his trade, raised flax and spun and wove his own cloth. He was a Deacon of the Dunkard Church and organized a society of that denomination in Columbiana County, preaching in an old log schoolhouse that was located on his land. He died in Massillon at the age of eighty-four years. The paternal grandfather lived and died in Germany. The mother of Louis A. Koons resides in Massillon, and is a member of the Christian Church. Her son has in his possession an old Bible that was printed in Germany in 1629.

Louis A. Koons was one of four sons and four daughters born to his parents, six of whom lived to maturity and five are now living. He attended the common and grammar schools of Massillon until the death of his father, then, at the early age of eight years, he was compelled to begin life's battle for himself. At the age of twelve years, he entered the employ of Kelley & Pepper, brickmen, remaining with them two seasons, attending school during the winter months. Although the labor was quite hard for one of his years, he showed much pluck and perseverance and kept at his work, receiving fifty cents a day for his services. When fourteen, he began clerking in a grocery store, but two years later became an apprentice of the Russell Company as machinist, and in two years' time had thoroughly learned the trade. He soon after

entered the employ of H. A. Kitzmiller, a grocer and dealer in queensware, and during the three years that he remained in his employ he obtained a thorough insight into how business affairs were conducted, and decided to continue in that line of work. After being in the employ of Powell & James for six years, he began business for himself in the spring of 1882, dealing in stoves, hardware, house-furnishing goods, etc.

Although he began at the bottom of the ladder it was not two years before he had the largest business of the kind in the city. He was then in partnership with L. P. Yost and W. F. Koons, but later sold out to them, and purchased the Five and Ten Cent store at Massillon, which was a very small establishment, and in its conduct was associated with Mr. Heininger, the firm being known as Heininger & Koons. They did business in a room 17x60 feet until January, 1885, at which time they started a branch store at Canal Dover, which Mr. Heininger took as his share of the business. Mr. Koons gradually increased his stock until it has assumed its present magnificent proportions. In 1891, he was an incorporator of the Union Cigar Company and was made its general manager and superintendent. This factory is at No. 1 East Main Street, and has a very extensive business, keeping two men busily employed on the road. Mr. Koons was the first man to propose the Massillon Building & Loan Association and was one of its chief organizers and is now a leading Director. It was established March 22, 1888, and for some time Mr. Koons was its Secretary, but he was compelled to resign the position on account of the big business he was doing. He was married in Canal Fulton in December, 1880, to Miss Caroline Morgan, who was born in Dowlais, Wales, a daughter of Thomas Morgan, who came to Canal Fulton and kept an hotel there. To Mr. and Mrs. Koons two children have been born: Louis A., Jr., and Thomas A.

Mr. Koons has served in numerous minor official positions, such as Township Clerk, etc., and in 1891 was Clerk of Massillon, but resigned this position to look after his business affairs. He has been a prominent candidate several times for Mayor but has withdrawn in favor of his friends. He is a true-blue Republican, and on several occasions has been a delegate to county and State conventions. He has been Chairman of the city Republican Central Committee, was a member of the County Central Committee, and is President of the McKinley Club. Socially, he belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Sexanual League, is a Counselor of the Chosen Friends, a member of the Protective Home Circle, a charter member of the Junior Order of Mechanics, and last, but not least, is Trustee, Treasurer, and an earnest member of the Christian Church. He is a wide-awake man of business, and is an active competitor for legitimate trade in his line, and is regarded as representing one of the rising business houses of the State.

ALLEN RUSSELL, of the firm of Russell & Co., at Massillon, was born in Sutton, Caledonia County, Vt., May 7, 1833. He is the son of Cyrus and Louisa (Stratton) Russell, of whom further mention is made in the sketch of Joseph K. Russell, presented elsewhere in this volume. From his childhood days, it was apparent that this son, the youngest of eleven children in the parental family, possessed the same sturdy enterprise and progressive spirit which characterized his older brothers.

The boyhood of Mr. Russell was varied by few incidents of special importance, and he was employed in the usual manner of farmer lads in quiet country homes. As soon as he was large enough to reach the plow, he commenced to aid in tilling the soil, and his life thereafter was a busy one, with few of the pleasures which the boys of the present generation enjoy, and few of the advantages now within the reach of the poorest child. His father going to Connecticut in 1862, he assumed entire charge of the farm, of which he had for many years before had the supervision. He purchased the old homestead, adding to its acreage

until it consisted of one hundred and fifty acres, and was conceded to be one of the most progressive young agriculturists of the State. The first mower ever used in Caledonia County was shipped there in 1861 from Massillon, and was one of the first manufactured by Russell Bros., at that place. It was purchased by our subject and was regarded with great interest and curiosity by his neighbors. In addition to general farming, he was engaged extensively in dealing in stock, in which he met with success.

In the spring of 1865, Mr. Russell sold the farm and came West to Massillon, where he entered the employ of his brothers, and was engaged in overseeing the shipment of repairs. In 1870, he became a member of the firm of Russell & Company, to which he still belongs. Three years after becoming a partner, he removed to Indianapolis and there took charge of the branch house of Russell & Company. His home in that city was on Delaware Street, opposite the residence of Benjamin Harrison, afterward President of the United States, with whom Mr. Russell enjoyed a personal acquaintance. Adjoining his residence was the home of Attorney-General Miller, one of the most prominent statesmen of the century.

Having charge of the business of the firm in Illinois and Indiana, Mr. Russell traveled extensively through these States until 1878, when the branch house in Indianapolis was incorporated by a stock company, and he became a Director and stockholder. He then went on the road, adjusting claims and looking after the interests of the firm as well as branch houses in other places. During that time, he traveled extensively over the United States, especially in the West, and became well known as the representative of the company.

In 1889, Mr. Russell removed to Chicago, where he owns and resides in an elegant residence at No. 1837 Michigan Avenue. He was first married in Sutton, Vt., in 1854, to Miss Lorinda Chase, who was born in Campton, N. H., the daughter of Silas Chase, a blacksmith of that place. After her death, Mr. Russell was a second time married in Sutton, Vt., his wife being Miss Olive C. Cook, and the ceremony which united them was performed in 1858. Mrs. Russell was born in Campton, N. H., where her father, Jacob Cook, was a millwright. Two children have blessed the union: Harley A., who resides in Indianapolis and has charge of the branch house of Russell & Company; and Carrie, who married S. M. Burdette, Assistant Editor of the Chicago *Herald*. In her religious preference, Mrs. Russell is a Presbyterian, and holds membership in a church of that denomination in Chicago.

Inventive by nature, Mr. Russell has secured letters patent on several contrivances of value to manufacturers, the most important of which is the automatic straw-stacker. Possessing an inquiring mind, he is ever on the alert to discover new methods of work, or improve upon the established order of things. The great success which has rewarded his efforts proves the possession of excellent judgment and unusual business talent, for, when he started out for himself, he had no monied capital, but was dependent upon his unaided exertions. His fortune has been acquired by his own industry, integrity and energy, and he is trying to bear his part of that responsibility which falls in great or small degree to every American citizen. His political opinions and thorough belief in Protection bring him into hearty sympathy with the Republican party, of which he is a stanch supporter. His public spirit has been shown on more than one occasion, and in more than one direction, and he has the highest respect of the business men of Chicago and other cities.

DR. JESSE P. PENBERTHY. This successful physician, whose name appears at the head of this sketch, impresses even those who meet him in only a casual way as a man who has drifted easily and naturally into the medical profession, who realizes he has made no mistake in the choice of his vocation, and who feels thoroughly at home in the position which he occupies. This firm impression deepens with a

more intimate acquaintance, and familiarity with the history of his life leads to the unbiased and impartial view, that the splendid success which he has achieved is the logical sequence of talent rightly used, together with energy and industry never misapplied.

The Doctor was born in West Brookfield on the 11th of August, 1868, and is a lineal descendant of British ancestors, his father, John P. Penberthy, having been born in Cornwall, England. When about fifteen years of age, the elder Mr. Penberthy came to America with his mother, and located in Martin's Ferry, Pa., where he grew to mature years, and received his education. He was also married there, but subsequently moved to West Brookfield, Ohio, where he was engaged in mining. In 1869, he located in Massillon, Ohio. Previous to this, however, in 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Infantry, and served as a private until the cessation of hostilities. In 1875, Mr. Penberthy went to Virginia City, Nev., and was engaged in the lead and silver mines, and was accidentally killed by the breaking of a car cable. He was buried there. He was an influential man and a miner who thoroughly understood his business. In his religious preferment, he was a Methodist. His wife, formerly Mary Evans, was born in Wales, and the daughter of Isaac Evans, who brought the family to America at an early date. He was a coal miner, and located in Martin's Ferry, where he was engaged in opening mines. From there, he moved to Salemville, Ohio, and there passed the remainder of his days. Mrs. Penberthy now resides at No. 242 East Main Street, Massillon, and is now Mrs. John Clay.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Penberthy, three daughters and two sons, all of whom are living. Dr. Jesse P. Penberthy, the third in order of birth of these children, passed his boyhood and youth in Massillon, and graduated from the High School in 1885. After this, he entered Hudson's Academy, and completed the course in one year. From an early age, he had manifested a strong desire for the study of medicine, and in 1887 he entered the Western Reserve Medical College, where he remained until graduating with the degree of M. D. in 1890. On the 1st of April of the same year, he located in Massillon, and immediately began practicing his profession at the corner of Main and Mill Streets. He has already built up a very lucrative practice, and is meeting with much success in his chosen calling. In politics, he adheres strictly to the principles of the Republican party.

CHARLES F. SNYDER, Superintendent of the moulding department of the Hess, Snyder & Co.'s foundry, is a skilled workman, and is one of the thorough, pushing men of Massillon. He was born in this city, on the 2d of December, 1850, and is a son of Frederick Snyder. (See sketch of George M. Snyder for parental history elsewhere in this volume.) He was reared and educated in this city, and when ten years of age he began working out in the harvest fields during vacation, continuing this until fourteen years of age. Afterward he was employed in the coal mines, hauling out coal with a mule for three years, then was with J. F. Hess & Bro., with whom he remained twenty months. He was subsequently in a blacksmith shop at Coal Mine, Willow Bank Coal Mine, and continued there as a helper for six months. After this, he took charge of a forge of his own, and was thus engaged for three or four years.

When the rolling mills were built in the spring of 1873, he became blacksmith in them, and in 1874 he started for himself with his three brothers under the firm title of F. H. Snyder & Bros., the individual members being F. H., J. F. and C. F. Snyder. They erected their shops on Mill Street, and were engaged in general repair work for some time, thus getting a good start. In 1882, they embarked in business with Hess Bros., under the firm name of Hess, Snyder & Co., and our subject has taken charge of the foundry ever since. They have added to every department, and have one of the flourishing establishments of

the city. He is also Superintendent of the moulding and pattern department, and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of his business.

Mr. Snyder resides at No. 361 East Main Street, and is very pleasantly located. His fine house was erected at a cost of $12,000 in 1886, and no neater or more attractive place can be found. The lot is 100x250 feet, and everything about the place indicates the owner to be a man of enterprise and push. He also owns the old home and other real estate. He was married at Albion, Mich., in 1876, to Miss Louisa Snyder, a native of the Buckeye State, born in Massillon, Stark County, and the daughter of Christian Snyder, who removed from Massillon to Albion, Mich., about 1860. He followed agricultural pursuits in that State until his death. One child has been born to this union, Floyd C. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are regular attendants at the Presbyterian Church, and are liberal contributors to all worthy movements. In politics, he is a true-blue Republican.

JOHN MASE was a pioneer of this county, and for many years was very active in developing its agricultural resources. He was one of the leading farmers and stock-growers of Bethlehem Township, and his death, March 5, 1889, was a loss to the community of which he had been so long a valued member. He was born October 3, 1827, in Lebanon County, Pa., and was the son of Michael and Christina (Spangler) Mase, who were also natives of that State.

The original of this sketch was a small boy when he made the removal to this county in company with his parents. The family immediately located in Bethlehem Township, where the father redeemed a good estate from the wilderness, and where he made his home until his decease. John, of this sketch, was reared to manhood in this county, and obtained the best education which could be gained in the primitive schools of this locality. He has experienced many of the hardships of opening up a new country, and assisted his father in placing his property in good shape, erecting thereon substantial farm buildings, making neat fences, and doing all that is good to make it a model farm.

February 19, 1850, when ready to establish a home of his own, Mr. Mase was united in marriage with Elizabeth Knagy. The lady was born November 3, 1830, and is the daughter of Abraham and Susannah Knagy, early settlers of Tuscarawas County, where the birth of Mrs. Mase occurred. Her parents were brought by their respective families to the above-named county when they were young, and thus ranked among the pioneers of this State. Her father, who was twice married, had a family of fourteen children, of whom the following survive: Margaret, the wife of David Eberly, of Noble County, Ind.; George, who makes his home in Tuscarawas County, this State; John, who resides in Kansas; Jeremiah, who is living in Elkhart County, Ind.; Mathias, who resides in Missouri; Mary, now Mrs. John Garber, is located in De Kalb County, Ind., and Benjamin makes his home in Michigan. The parents of Mrs. Mase were devoted members of the United Brethren Church, and her father departed this life while residing in Whitley County, Ind., during the war. His wife, who is still living, makes her home in Whitley County, and is ninety years of age.

Mrs. Mase was reared in her native county, where she remained until reaching her seventeenth year, at which time she was thrown upon her own resources. She obtained a practical education in the early schools near her home, and after her marriage assisted her husband greatly in obtaining a high place in the agricultural community. As before stated, our subject departed this life in 1889, and his death was keenly felt by all who knew him. He was a man of deeds, not of words, and such was his integrity, that his promise was as good as a bond. His widow is justly proud of his reputation, and she too occupies a high place in the esteem of her neighbors.

Mr. Mase was for many years a prominent member of the German Reformed Church, in which body he was made Deacon, and later occupied the

responsible position of Elder. He was a friend to the poor, and took great delight in the exercise of hospitality, and few there were who spent any time in their vicinage without enjoying the good cheer for body and mind that abounded under his roof. At his death he left an estate of one hundred and fifty-seven acres which he had redeemed from the wilderness and placed under good tillage. Mrs. Mase is a member of the German Reformed Church, in which body she is an active and valued worker.

HENRY STONER, a representative and prominent farmer of Tuscarawas Township, was born in Stark County, April 2, 1829, and has therefore been identified with its progress from an early period in its history. His parents, Jacob and Margaret (Rodocker) Stoner, were worthy people, Pennsylvanians by birth, and members of the farming class, whose efforts have resulted in the development of the vast agricultural resources of the community. The father, when a young man, came to Stark County, in 1818, and settled in the woods of Tuscarawas Township, of which he was a pioneer.

The house in which our subject was born, and which was erected by his father, was a structure made of hewed logs, and was about 18x20 feet in dimensions. In that little home there were nine children born: Henry, Josiah, Jacob, Samuel, Levi, Jeremiah, Fianna (wife of Samuel Lonas), Lovina, and John, the two last named being now deceased. The father was a hard-working, persevering man and was enabled to accumulate a comfortable property as the result of his indefatigable efforts. He died June 26, 1888, at the age of eighty-seven years, having been born in 1801. Politically he was a Democrat, stanch in his support of party men and measures.

The boyhood days of Henry Stoner were passed in a comparatively uneventful manner, and at an early age he was obliged to assist in the maintenance of the family, aiding his father in clearing the land of its forest growth and tilling the soil. During the winter months he attended the school near his father's house, where he laid the foundation of an excellent education, which was mainly self-acquired. November 3, 1853, he was married to Miss Charlotte, daughter of Jacob and Leah Culler, early settlers of Tuscarawas Township, where she was born. They became the parents of nine children, five living, of whom the following may be noted: Loren resides in Stark County; Ida is the wife of Frederick Weisgarber; Valentine makes his home in this county; Ada married Jacob Weisgarber; and Sheridan is at home.

The farm which Mr. Stoner owns, and which he acquired through his unaided exertions, comprises ninety-seven acres of fine improved land and is one of the best estates in the county. His attention is mainly devoted to its cultivation, but he finds sufficent time to keep posted regarding events of public moment and is well informed concerning the issues of the day. In political matters, he is a Democrat; religiously, he is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church and a sincere Christian, ever ready to advance the cause of religion as opportunity is presented.

WILLIAM H. BUCKIUS. The high standard of excellence which marks the popularity of any business house is maintained by W. H. Buckius, dealer in furnaces, mantels, grates, spouting, roofing, plumbing and gas-fitting apparatus, at Canton. Mr. Buckius, who is the subject of this sketch, was born in Canton, Ohio, November 7, 1844. His father, Henry Buckius, was born in New Market, Va., and was only one year old when he was brought by his parents to Canton.

Grandfather John Buckius was one of the pioneers of Stark County and was also the pioneer tinware merchant in Canton, where he was engaged in business until his death. His son Henry succeeded

him in the business, married a young lady of Stark County, and carried on extensive business operations for many years. During the early years of the settlement of Ohio, he and his father were accustomed to ride horseback to Philadelphia, whence they shipped material to Canton in a large freight wagon, there being no railroads at that time. They paid strict attention to business and were the principal merchants in the county. Industrious and enterprising, success rewarded their efforts and they became well-to-do. The business was continued by our subject on the death of his father, so that it has been in existence for seventy years.

The parental family consisted of six sons and one daughter, one of the sons being now deceased. During the late war, four sons were active participants, W. H., George, Augustus and Albert, the last-named of whom is now a business man of Chicago.

The subject of our sketch acquired his education in the Union School of Canton, and after completing his studies, learned his trade with his father. At the time of the breaking out of the Civil War, he was only sixteen years of age, but his patriotism was fired and he determined to enlist in his country's service. He became a member of Company I, Sixty fourth Ohio Infantry, and was one of the youngest soldiers in Gen. Sherman's Brigade. He participated in all the principal engagements of the Army of the Cumberland, and served until the close of hostilities.

Returning to Canton when the war was ended, Mr. Buckius resumed the pursuits of peace and with his brother Augustus started in business. It was not long before the firm built up a large trade and from the beginning they were successful. The connection continued seven years, since which time our subject has been alone in business. Like his father, he has avoided political affairs and devotes his attention exclusively to the details of his business. In May, 1892, he established a factory to manufacture tinware for the wholesale trade.

In 1866, Mr. Buckius was married to Miss Emma, daughter of Solomon Kauffman, an early settler of Stark County. They have one son, Francis Howard, who is associated in business with his father. He is also an electrician, and manager of the electrical supply department in the firm of F. H. Buckius & Co. Our subject is identified, socially, with the Royal Arcanum and Knights of Pythias, and, as might be expected, is an active and prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In politics, he is a Republican.

PETER EVERHART was formerly one of the able agriculturists of Perry Township, and his wise forethought, active enterprise and practical skill in conducting the business of farming and stock-raising made him a valuable agent in developing the rich agricultural resources of this part of Ohio. Mr. Everhart was born in Ithaca, N. Y., October 9, 1809, and was the son of Jacob and Ann Everhart, natives of Pennsylvania.

The original of this sketch was reared to manhood in his native State, and for many years followed the occupation of a mechanic. He was employed in company with his brothers in Massillon, in the manufacture of fanning mills, the firm operating under the name of Everhart Brothers. They were very successful in this undertaking, and being active business men, invested their money judiciously, and exhibited an influence which was felt for good in their community.

The lady to whom Mr. Everhart was united in marriage, November 6, 1844, was Miss Elizabeth Clark, who was born in Monroe County, N. Y., May 29, 1827. She was the daughter of Chester and Minerva (Rundle) Clark, natives also of that State and county. The first year of his married life our subject spent in Lynn, and the following year emigrated to Stark County, this State. The young couple at once located upon the farm where Mrs. Everhart is at present residing, and where so many years of their happy wedded life were spent. Our subject was well equipped to make his own way in the world, as he was active, independent, frugal and prudent and possessed withal an enterprising spirit seconded by good habits, and a capacity to do well whatever he undertook. He played

an important part in the upbuilding of Perry Township, and assiduously tilled the soil for many years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Everhart were born three sons: Harvey C., a highly educated young man, who was graduated from the Massillon High School, and the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Commercial College; George K., who is an architect of high standing in Brooklyn, N. Y.; and one deceased. Our subject occupied a prominent place in local affairs, and served as Trustee of Perry Township for many years. He was public-spirited and always heartily in favor of whatever scheme was advanced to promote the interests of his adopted county. He was a Republican in politics, casting his vote at all times in favor of candidates of that party. He was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church, and esteemed for his honorable and upright life by all who knew him. Mrs. Everhart, who is also a member of the Episcopal Church, is a most estimable lady, and has shown herself entirely worthy of the high estimation in which she is held by her many friends and acquaintances.

At our subject's death, which occurred October 12, 1884, he left an estate of one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land, upon which will be found all the modern improvements which stamp its owner as progressive and well-to-do. Mrs. Everhart, since the death of her husband, has conducted the business that he left with remarkable success, displaying a general talent for managing affairs.

CHARLES DIEBOLD, Superintendent of the Diebold Safe and Lock Works of Canton, is one of the enterprising citizens of Stark County, and is at the head of one of its leading industries. A native of Germany, he was born in the town of Rosenburg, on the 20th of October, 1824, and is a son of Bernhardt and Mary (Cave) Diebold. His parents were also natives of Germany, and resided upon a farm in that country throughout their lives. They were highly respected people of the community where they made their home.

Our subject is the eldest of four children. He was educated in the common schools of the Fatherland, and when it became time to take up some line of business, he learned the trade of a locksmith, serving three years as an apprentice, in which time he completely mastered the business, becoming an expert workman. Wishing to try his fortune in America, he sailed for New Orleans in 1847, and after spending a few months in the Crescent City, made his way up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers to Cincinnati, where he followed his trade for a time. He there became connected with the manufacture of safes, being associated with the firm of C. Bauman & Co. for ten years. He then commenced business in that line on his own account as a member of the firm of Diebold, Bauman & Co. They manufactured all kinds of safes, and continued business in Cincinnati for some years, but in 1872 the works were removed and permanently established in Canton The Diebold Safe and Lock Company has since been organized, and our subject has become one of its heaviest stockholders. He has been Superintendent of the works for many years, and his familiarity with the business in all its details makes him well adapted to the work. The company does an extensive business, and furnishes employment to between three and four hundred men. They build all sizes of vault safes, from the smallest to the largest, and sell all over the country, from the Lakes to the Gulf and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Mr. Diebold has been four times married; by the first wife he had one daughter, Louisa, now the wife of John Groom, of Covington, Ky. By his second wife two sons, William and Charles. No children were born of the third union. In 1888, he wedded Mrs. Carrie Clark, of the Empire State. She is a native of Canada, but was reared in New York. Her father, Thomas Outwaters, was a native of England, and his wife was a native of Wales. Mr. and Mrs. Diebold reside at No. 101 South Walnut Street. They are prominent citizens of the community and are widely known. Our subject is a self-made man, who deserves great credit

for his success in life, which is due entirely to his own efforts. He came to this country empty-handed, hoping to better his financial condition, and his hopes have been more than realized. His perseverance, good management and close attention to business have won him signal success, and Canton finds in him one of its worthy and valued citizens.

PETER D. GRABER. Stark County is greatly indebted for its present wealth and high standing to the sturdy, intelligent and enterprising tillers of the soil who have been instrumental in developing its vast agricultural resources. As a worthy member of its farming community, who has contributed toward its material advancement, it gives us pleasure to represent Mr. Graber in this volume. He has long been associated with the agricultural interests of Perry Township, and has built up a comfortable home.

He is a native of France and was born October 5, 1820, a son of Daniel and Mary Graber, also natives of that country, where they were well-to-do and respected citizens. Our subject, who has been a lifelong farmer, emigrated to this country in 1854, taking passage in a sailing-vessel at Havre, and after a tedious voyage of forty-three days landed in New York City. Thence he came directly to this county and made location on the place in Perry Township where he is at present residing.

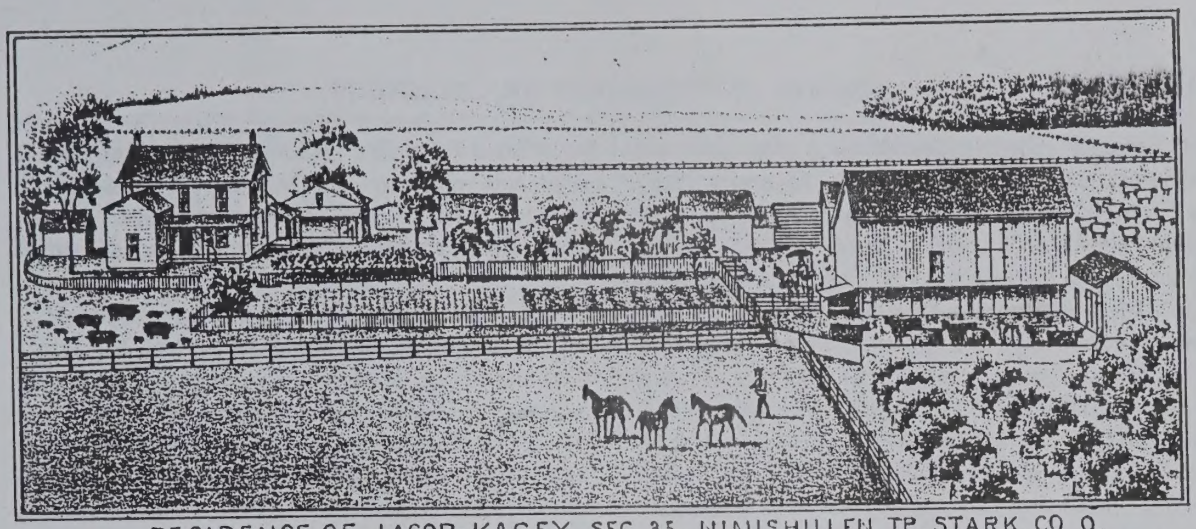
His land was then in a primitive condition, but by persistent industry and good judgment he has placed his estate of two hundred and thirty-five acres under the best of cultivation. He has become well known as a successful farmer, and pursues the most approved methods in the management of his place, keeping it above par in its improved and orderly appearance, and making of it an attractive as well as a remunerative piece of property.

Miss Catherine Rich, who was born in France, November 8, 1837, was married to our subject. Mrs. Graber is the daughter of Peter and Anna Rich and was a young lady of eighteen years when she accompanied her parents on their emigration to the New World. Mr. and Mrs. Rich came directly to this county and made location in Perry Township, where their decease occurred. To Mr. and Mrs. Graber have been born eleven children, seven of whom are living namely: Mary, now Mrs. Elmer Baer; Daniel; Lydia, Mrs. David Greber; Leah, Anna, John, and Noah.

Mr. Graber votes the independent ticket in politics, casting his ballot for the man whom he considers will best fill the office. In 1887, he erected a fine residence on his property, which was designed with a view to the comfort of the occupants. His place is one of the most beautiful in the township and shows its owner to be a man of progress and enterprise. With each passing year he has added to his list of friends, and is to-day very much respected throughout the community in which he resides.

MARTIN SENGER. The highly improved and prosperous condition of Stark County is in a large degree due to its farming population, which is for the most part composed of men who are strong in character, energetic in disposition, discriminate and sensible in judgment, and prompt to take advantage of whatsoever will prove to their benefit. It is of one of this class of whom we write. His homestead, comprising one hundred and seventy-nine acres in Tuscarawas Township, is one of the best in this region with its farm buildings of neat design, its rich harvest fields and its pastures devoted to the support of sleek and well-kept cattle, horses and swine.

Mr. Senger comes of Pennsylvania stock, and is himself a native of that Commonwealth, born in Lancaster County, October 18, 1838. His parents, Cyrus and Lydia (Gehman) Senger, were also born in that State and were both of German extraction. Our subject is the eldest of the family of eight children, and was reared to the life of a



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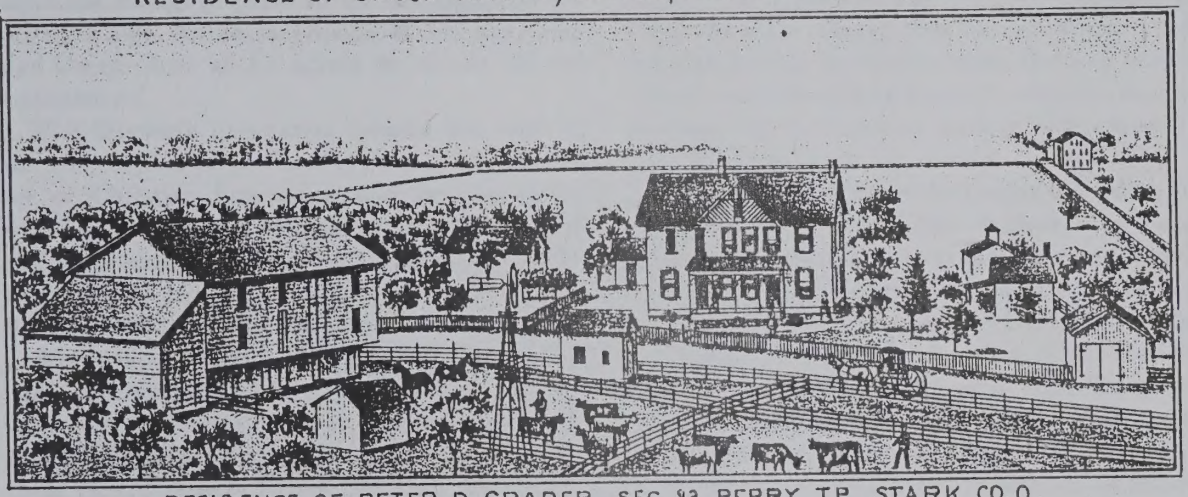

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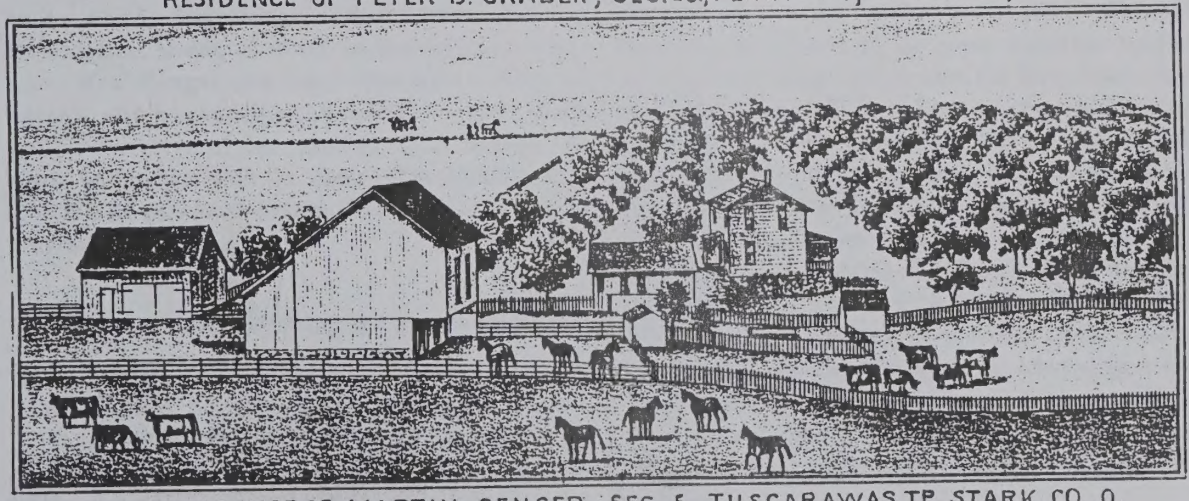

RESIDENCE OF MARTIN SENGER, SEC. 5., TUSCARAWAS TP., STARK CO., O.

farmer in his native county. He early manifested an aptitude for agricultural pursuits and commenced when ten years of age to work out on farms during the summer months, attending the local schools in winter seasons.

Mr. Senger of this sketch came to Ohio in the spring of 1867, and made his home in Wayne County until 1880, when he took up his abode in this section, where he has since resided. He brings to his work as an agriculturist a good equipment of brain, skill in management and an extended experience. He is a man of sterling merit, conscientious and straightforward in his dealings, and his credit is high, for he is prompt in his payments and always does as he agrees to do in all his transactions.

Miss Elizabeth Brenneman became the wife of our subject December 31, 1861; she is the daughter of Christian Brenneman, and by her union with Mr. Senger has become the mother of five children, namely: Harvey (deceased), Fannie, Rudy, David L. and Henry M. As before stated, the property of our subject comprises one hundred and seventy-nine acres of land, which he worked hard in changing into a well cultivated, nicely improved farm. He occupies an honorable place in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen, and for three years served as School Director. In politics, he is a sturdy Republican, and worships with the Mennonite Church, of which he is a devoted member. Mrs. Senger is a very intelligent, efficient woman and an excellent house-wife, and looks well to the ways of her family. The couple are kind and charitable in their dispositions, and are held in universal esteem throughout the neighborhood.

JACOB KAGEY. A lifetime spent in pursuing one calling will usually result in substantial success, especially if energy and perseverance are applied, and such is found to be the case with Mr. Kagey, who from boyhood has given the occupation of agriculture the principal part of his time and attention. He was born on Ohio soil, Columbiana County, October 13, 1842, a son of Abraham and Hannah (Snyder) Kagey, the father born in Shenandoah County, Va., on the 11th of January, 1818. The Kagey family came to this country in four separate emigrations, and our subject's ancestors were of the third. His great-grandfather came from Switzerland and settled in the Old Dominion, where our subject's father, Abraham Kagey, and grandfather, John Kagey, were born. The grandfather died in 1825, in Trumbull County, Ohio, whither he had moved between 1818 and 1825. A guardian, Henry Kagey, was appointed for the four children, of whom Abraham Kagey was the only son. The guardian having no sons, he took Abraham to live with him in Columbiana County, while the daughters were left in Trumbull County, where some of their descendants are now living.

Abraham Kagey was early taught the duties of farm life, and for some time worked as a hired hand, and his educational advantages were limited. On the 25th of December, 1841, he was married in the house where our subject now lives, and where the mother was born on the 23d of November, 1823. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Kagey resided in Columbiana County about three years, farmed on rented land, and then, with the help of his father-in-law, bought eighty acres in Osnaburg Township, where he resided until 1854. He then sold out and purchased the home where our subject now lives of his father-in-law, the Rev. Jacob Snyder. Of the five children born to this union, three grew to mature years, and one other than our subject is now living. These children were named in the order of their birth as follows: Jacob, our subject; John, born in Columbiana County, Ohio, November 16, 1843, was killed on the railroad at Wooster, October 30, 1882, and left a wife and four daughters, now residing in Alliance, Ohio; Daniel, born in this county, February 14, 1848, now a resident of Nimishillen Township, this county; Laura died at the age of three years, six months and eighteen days, while the youngest child died in infancy.

Jacob Kagey was twelve years of age when his father bought the present farm, but for certain reasons he received a very limited education, attend-

ing school only from the age of nine to twelve. He did not know his letters until nine years of age, and during the short time he was in the school-room he got a little start in reading, writing and arithmetic. Being a great reader and a man of observation, he has corrected this early deficiency to a great extent, and is considered well posted on all subjects. Until the age of twenty-two, he gave his time to his father, except four months when he had worked out, and on the 13th of March, 1864, with the sum of $44 to start with, he married Miss Sarah Berlin, a native of Nimishillen Township, this county, born November 13, 1839, and a close neighbor to Mr. Kagey. Her parents were Isaac and Margaret (Trump) Berlin. After marriage, our subject worked as a day-laborer for four years, and then rented his father's farm. For four years, he ran a threshing-machine, and as he was obliged to keep his own books, this proved of use to him, for he became more accurate in figures, and had no trouble with anyone when he came to settle up. At the end of the four years, or in 1873, he bought his father's farm of one hundred and eighteen acres, and quit threshing. His father died at Massillon on the 1st of June, 1873, and our subject has since lived on his present farm. The mother is also deceased.

Our subject has had four sons as follows: Isaac, born on the 8th of October, 1864, died April 14, 1866; William, born on the 13th of August, 1866, now clerking in a grocery at South Bend, Ind., married Miss Jennie Schilling, March 6, 1890. He has a good business education, and is a wide-awake, enterprising young man. His only child, Howard Harrison, was born at South Bend, Ind., March 21, 1892. The third son is John Benton, who was born July 14, 1871, received a good education in the district schools, and when but seventeen years of age began teaching, and seems naturally fitted for that profession. He has a two-years certificate, and is a well-educated young gentleman. He is now teaching the home school. The youngest of Mr. Kagey's four sons is Ira Ellsworth, born November 13, 1874, now obtaining a good education, and is a very studious young man.

The father of our subject in early life was a Democrat, but became a Republican later in life. He was a Deacon in the German Baptist Church at the time of his death. Our subject also advocates the principles of the Republican party, and voted the day he was twenty-one years of age for John Brough. His first Presidential vote was for A. Lincoln. Mr. Kagey has been Treasurer for the Home Insurance Company for Nimishillen and Osnaburg Townships for six successive years. He is at present serving his second year as Director of the Agricultural Society. In 1890, he was nominated by the Republican party as Land Appraiser, but as the Township is strongly Democratic, he was defeated as he expected to be. Mrs. Kagey is a member of the Reformed Church in Louisville.

JOHN NOFSINGER has met with more than ordinary success in prosecuting his calling of a farmer, and since casting his lot with the pioneers of this county many years ago, has accumulated a valuable property and is classed among the well-to-do agriculturists of this section of Ohio. He owns one hundred and eighty-two acres of land in his county, his farming interests being centered in Bethlehem Township, where he is enjoying the fruits of his early labors and the comforts of a substantial home. Our subject, who is a native of the Keystone State, was born in Somerset County, January 6, 1815, to John and Elizabeth Nofsinger, who were also natives of that State. In the spring of 1815, when only three months old, he was brought to this county by his parents, who emigrated hither and located on a farm in the woods of Bethlehem Township, which the father industriously set to work to redeem from its primitive wildness.

Our subject was the eldest in the parental family of six children, three of whom are living, namely, John, Samuel and Jacob. He had very few advantages in his youth, as is too often the case with people in poor financial circumstances, and he re-

ceived only a common-school education, but such is the excellence of schools in America that rich and poor alike may master the essential amount of learning for a business career at a small cost. He was married, in 1837, to Miss Rebecca Hensel, and to them was born a family of five children, only one of whom is living, John.

Mr. Nofsinger owns a good farm, and in the prosecution of his calling has achieved a success that places him among the leading agriculturists of his township. He belongs to the Democratic party, and during his earlier years was a wide-awake business man, embracing every opportunity for advancing his own interests or those of the community in which he makes his home.

The devoted wife and counselor of our subject departed this life in 1881, a conscientious member of the Reformed Church. She was a most estimable lady and had endeared herself to the hearts of the people, not only in this township but throughout the county. Mr. Nofsinger has so well and systematically performed the duties of life that he has amassed a competency which enables him to pass his declining years in peace and quiet. He is numbered among the most successful pioneers of Stark County and has many friends who recognize the ability of his character and realize that he deserves to be held in the highest possible esteem.

E. J. SPRANKEL. Among the sons of Stark County, Ohio, who have made their work felt in the upbuilding of the township on agricultural and commercial lines, may be mentioned Mr. Sprankel, who was the third child and second son in a family of four sons and five daughters born to his parents, only four members of which family are now living. No State in the forty-four gives greater encouragement to a man who desires to devote himself to agricultural life than does Ohio, for its resources are almost inexhaustible and its climate is adapted to the cultivation of varied crops. Mr. Sprankel is one who has met with success in the line of agriculture, and now follows general farming and stock-raising on his fine farm of one hundred and fifty-one acres in Jackson Township.

Our subject was born in the township in which he now resides January 7, 1844, at which place his father, Henry Sprankel, was also born, in 1817. His life was spent as a tiller of the soil on section 19, Jackson Township, and there he was married and reared his family. His wife, Miss Susanna Howenstein, was born in Pennsylvania in 1821, and at the age of thirteen she was brought to Stark County by her father, David Howenstein, a native of Pennsylvania, who, after some years' residence in Wayne County, spent his last days in Lawrence Township, Stark County. The paternal grandfather, Michael Sprankel, first saw the light of day in York, Pa., and after reaching manhood removed to Stark County, Ohio, in 1815, and until his death, at the age of eighty-two years, he resided on a farm in Jackson Township.

E. J. Sprankel's early days were spent in attending the district schools near his home and in discharging the monotonous, yet healthful, duties that usually fall to the lot of the farmer's boy. After attaining a suitable age, he entered Inland College, Greensburgh, Ohio, and after leaving that institution taught school for one term. He then returned home to lend his father aid on the farm and was his able assistant until he was twenty-two years of age. October 30, 1867, his marriage with Miss Catherine A. Killinger was celebrated, and shortly after this event he located on the farm on which he now resides, which at that time was but little improved. His present handsome and commodious residence was built in 1889 at a cost of $3,000, and his barn, which is 88x40 feet in dimensions, was put up in 1891 and cost $1,800.

Mr. Sprankel devotes much of his attention to the raising of stock, in which he has shown excellent judgment, and his sound sense and discrimination have been put to the test in the capacity of administrator of numerous estates. He is a Republican in politics, a patron of education, and for many years has been a School-Director. His marriage resulted in the birth of two children, one of

whom died in infancy and the other at the age of ten years, His wife is a daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Brancher) Killinger, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Stark County.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprankel are members of the German Baptist Church, and they are looked up to and honored by their numerous acquaintances. Mr. Sprankel's success in life is entirely due to his own push, pluck and perseverance, and from a small beginning he has risen to a position of prominence in the community where he is so well known and thoroughly respected.

JAMES JOHNSON HOOVER. It is an undeniable truth that the life of any man is of great benefit to the community in which he resides when all his efforts are directed toward advancing its interests and when he lives according to the highest principles of what he conceives to be right. Such a man is Mr. Hoover, the editor of the Massillon *American*, a paper published in the interests of the section in which he resides, irrespective of party. He was born in Blair County, Pa., November 5, 1849, but his father, Samuel Hoover, was born in Cumberland County, Pa., and by trade was a hatter. He became a resident of Williamsburgh, Pa., in which place he not only followed his trade but discharged the duties of Postmaster and also taught school. In 1857, he removed to Hollidaysburgh, having been elected to the position of County Treasurer for one term, and afterward discharged the duties of Deputy for several terms. The last year of the Civil War, he served his country in the Two Hundred and Thirteenth Pennsylvania Infantry until the cessation of hostilities, after which he became the editor of the Hollidaysburgh *Register*. This he disposed of after editing it for a number of years, and in December, 1870, he came to Massillon, and in connection with his son, James Johnson Hoover, became the proprietor of the Massillon *American*. In 1888, he retired from journalistic work, and the paper has since been conducted in a most praiseworthy manner by its present editor.

Samuel Hoover was married in 1845 to Miss Elizabeth Phillips, a native of the Keystone State, who was called from life while a resident of Trumbull County. She became the mother of six children, all of whom were reared to maturity in Pennsylvania.

James Johnson Hoover's early life did not differ materially from that of the average boy, for he obtained sufficient exercise to strengthen and develop his physical being, while his mental qualities were enhanced by attendance at the common schools. The Massillon *American*, a nine-column folio, is a spicy, breezy sheet, and from its columns may be gleaned items of interest and value to all, no matter what the business may be in which they are engaged. The editorial department is ably conducted. The printing is done by steam, and the establishment is well equipped to turn out all kinds of job work on short notice and in a creditable manner.

In 1875, Mr. Hoover was married to Miss Jeannette Ricks, a native of Maryland, who died in 1883. She left, beside her husband, two children to mourn her loss: Lyndon and Charles Maxwell. Mr. Hoover's second union took place in November, 1887, Miss Charlotte Smith, daughter of the late N. J. Smith, a prominent farmer of Perry Township, becoming his wife. They have two children: Harold S., and Helen. He and his wife are respected members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is genial and whole-souled, and of a generous disposition.

SAMUEL SMITH. Pennsylvania has contributed to Stark County, Ohio, many estimable citizens, but she has contributed none more worthy of success, or more prominently identified with the growth and prosperity of the county, than the subject of this sketch. He

comes of German descent and inherits from his Teutonic ancestors much of his thrift and energy. His grandfather, Balcher Smith, was born in Germany, and the favorable reports received from America tempted him to make a settlement on this side of the ocean. He was quite a young man when he came to this country, and he first made a settlement in Cumberland County, Pa., where he was married. There he passed the life of an honest, industrious citizen.

The father of our subject, Joseph Smith, was born in the grand old State of Pennsylvania, in Cumberland County, and there he grew to manhood. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Anna Bayshora, a native of Chambersburgh, Franklin County, Pa., and their nuptials were celebrated in that county. Her father was a native of Germany. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Smith settled on a farm in Franklin County, and as the years passed away they improved a good farm and gathered around them many of the comforts of life, prominent among them being four children, three sons and one daughter. On this farm, where they had passed the best years of their lives, this worthy couple passed away, the mother dying when about sixty, and the father when eighty-four years of age.

All these children reached the years of discretion and our subject was second in order of birth. He was born in Franklin County, Pa., on the 2d of September, 1827, and was there reared and educated, receiving his schooling in the district schools. He was a single man when he came to Ohio, in 1852, and he began improving one hundred and sixty acres of land which he had purchased in Lawrence Township. In 1854, he married Miss Mary Ruch, a native of Ohio, born in Canton, Stark County. She died in the '60s, leaving the following children: Levi, Lovina, Caroline, Ellen, Amanda, Mary, John and Charles. All are now living and all reside in Lawrence Township, with the exception of Amanda and Lovina.

Immediately following his marriage, our subject settled on his farm, on section 1, Lawrence Township, and was there engaged in general farming for ten years. After this, he moved to the Miller Farm, which he had bought during the war, remained on this three years and then moved to where he now lives on section 3. He owns three good farms in Lawrence Township, all improved with houses and barns and consisting of three hundred and twenty-two acres. The farm on section 1 has one hundred and sixty acres, and he also owns eighty acres on the same section. His sons are living on the farms and our subject is carrying on the home place. He handles a great deal of stock and is wide-awake and enterprising. He erected all the buildings on his farms, and very commodious and comfortable structures they are, ornaments to any place. In politics, he affiliates with the Republican party. He is one of the county's most thorough-going, reliable, straightforward men and one of the first-class men of the township.

DAVID KERSTETTER, SR. This well-known pioneer, who is everywhere respected for his sterling worth, has been a resident of this county since the latter part of the year 1816, and has done his share towards the development and improvement of the same. He is now retired from the active duties of life, and is enjoying the accumulations of years of hard labor. He was born in Centre County, Pa., on the 7th of May, 1816, and was about six months old when brought to this county by his parents. His father, John Kerstetter, was a native of Northumberland County, Pa., and the grandfather, Leonard Kerstetter, was also a native of that grand old State, and of German descent. The latter followed the occupation of a miller and farmer in his native State. About 1814, he came to Stark County, Ohio, and bought two mills, a grist and saw mill, both erected in 1812, and also purchased thirty-five acres of land. His death occurred in this county in 1822. Our subject has a part of the headstone that marks the resting-place of his grandfather. It is marked "L. 1822 K." the same being cut in by Hon. George Harsh when a boy of twelve years, our subject standing by to

see it done. The grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was a Lutheran in his religious views.

John Kerstetter, father of our subject, was reared in Pennsylvania, and early in life was drilled in the duties of farm life. He married Miss Elizabeth Young, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., and the daughter of Christian Young, who was a native of Germany, where he was married. Like many of that nationality, he was a weaver by trade, and after coming to America he followed that calling in Penn's Valley until his death. His wife was also an expert weaver, and could manufacture cloth. Mr. Kerstetter brought his family, consisting of his wife and three children, to Ohio in 1816, and made the journey with team and wagon. He located on one hundred and sixty-nine acres adjoining his father's land, erected a rude log cabin, and began developing and improving in true pioneer style. The cabin had one room, the door was hung with wooden hinges, and two windows, 8x10 inches, furnished the light. Only three acres of land were cleared, and this worthy couple went eagerly to work to make a comfortable and pleasant home. As the years passed away, they replaced the log cabin with a good, new house, and also erected a commodious barn, but before these could be paid for, Mr. Kerstetter was accidentally killed by being run over by a wagon while unloading rails in a field. His death occurred in 1830, when thirty-nine years of age. When a resident of Pennsylvania, he served in the War of 1812. His wife died on the farm in 1852. They were the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters, only two of whom now survive. One son, Daniel, resides in Texas, Ohio.

The immediate subject of this sketch was reared two and a-half miles from Massillon, on the same quarter-section as Hon. George Harsh, and they were schoolmates together, attending the same log schoolhouse and sitting on the same slab seats. This was during the winter season principally, and our subject received but about twelve months' schooling altogether. However, he made up for this to a great extent by diligent study at the old fireplace during the long winter evenings. He afterward went to school to Mr. George Harsh. He was but fourteen years of age when his father died, and was early thrown upon his own resources. He immediately went to work to pay off the debt of $1,000 his father had left, and soon succeeded in doing this, but not without considerable self-sacrifice and much hard labor. Self-made and self-reliant, he has reached his present enviable position through a career of usefulness, honor and integrity.

When twenty-two years of age, our subject began teaching school and continued this for seven winters, working on the farm during the summer months. He invested in different farms, and after improving would sell at a considerable profit, continuing this for many years. He was a very successful farmer and thoroughly understood his business. He embarked in buying and selling sheep, and sold wool for $1 a pound. Later, he sold off his stock and bought a farm of eighty-six acres in Lawrence Township, near the old home, and sold this four years later at a big profit.

In the year 1866, October 2d, he located in Massillon, Ohio, outside the corporation, and later he bought his present property at No. 316 North Mill Street. He has dealt in land some since then, and now owns considerable real estate. He was married first on the 2d of October, 1842, in Lawrence, Ohio, to Miss Sarah Weygandt, a native of Lawrence, and the daughter of Henry Weygandt, a farmer by occupation. Four children have been born to this union, as follows: David, who enlisted in the Eighteenth U. S. Regulars in 1861, when seventeen years of age, and served three years. Later, he re-enlisted in the same company and served two years in the Rocky Mountains—six years in all. He held the rank of Sergeant-Major when he was mustered out on the 22d of December, 1866. Since then he has resided in Massillon, and is a brick-layer by trade; Melissa is now Mrs. Ruch, of Lawrence, Ohio; John is engaged in business in Ionia, Mich., and Benjamin is a painter of Newark, N. J.

Mr. Kerstetter's second marriage occurred in Lawrence Township, this county, on the 2d of October, 1859, to Miss Sarah Biller, a native of Canton Township, this county, and they have four interesting children: Marietta, now Mrs.

Trophagen, resides in Massillon, and Viola, Sadie M., and Marcellus, who are at home. Our subject was Township Trustee, and in 1859 he was Real-estate Assessor, also Township Assessor. In the year 1871, he was Assistant City Assessor and he has been School Director in Lawrence Township for fifteen years. He is deeply interested in educational matters and has assisted in building many schoolhouses. He is a strong advocate of the principles of the Republican party and his first Presidential vote was cast for Gen. Harrison in 1836. He was not old enough, but in some way managed to vote. He has been a delegate to county and State conventions several times and has held many position of trust in the county. The life of Mr. Kerstetter strikingly emphasizes the marvelous industry, tireless energy, and broad spirit of enterprise that are to-day so characteristic of the American man of affairs.

ABRAHAM FASNACHT. An assured position among the farmers of Stark County is that held by our subject, who is successfully prosecuting his calling in Perry Township. His estate is sufficiently large to afford him abundant occupation for mind and body, and to furnish means with which to secure all the comforts of life and make provision for his declining years. On every part of the estate the evidences of intelligent management may be seen, and the surroundings of the residence indicate the presence of refined womanhood and her controlling hand in the household economy.

The birth of Mr. Fasnacht took place in Lancaster County, Pa., September 19, 1832, his parents being John and Rebecca (Swigard) Fasnacht, natives of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. Abraham of this sketch was a lad of four years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to this county, making the journey overland with a blind horse and wagon. The family located in Berlin, where the father followed his trade of a weaver in connection with his farm.

Of the eleven children comprised in the parental family, the following survive: Mary, Mrs. David Taxtel; Abraham; Samuel; Hannah, Mrs. Ransom Reynolds; George; Nancy, Mrs. John Lantz; and Henry. The elder Mr. Fasnacht was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church and departed this life in 1881. Our subject was reared to man's estate amid the pioneer scenes of this county and received his primary education in a log schoolhouse which had a puncheon floor and no windows.

Abraham Fasnacht and Miss Sarah Wagner, who is a native of this county, were united in marriage June 9, 1855. Mrs. Fasnacht, who was born April 1, 1836, is the daughter of Christian and Susan Wagner, the latter of whom departed this life in 1864. Her parents, who were natives of Pennsylvania, emigrated to this county in an early day, where they occupied a high position among the pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner had a family of nine children, six of whom are living: Lucinda, the widow of Fred Shepley; Samuel; Sarah; Harriet, Mrs. John Smith; Benjamin and Jacob. The father is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church and has now attained the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fasnacht of this sketch have been granted a family of seven children, all of whom are living with one exception, and who bear the respective names of Emma; Hannah, Mrs. Benjamin Snyder; Flora, the wife of Charles Stribar; Alfred, Horace, Clarence; and Nina, deceased. In 1864, our subject located on his present farm, which comprises one hundred and eighty-four acres of valuable land. He is one of the representative citizens of this county and has contributed materially to its agricultural development and prosperity.

Mr. Fasnacht has always been actively interested in school affairs and at the present time is serving as Director of the Board. In his political relations, he is a stanch Republican, and receives his due measure of respect from those by whom he is known, and is one who in social and domestic life is genial and considerate. With his wife, he is a

member of the Lutheran Church and is classed among the most efficient and energetic workers in the congregation.

GUSTAVUS ELBEL. Distinguished among the oldest, most extensive and the most reliable manufacturing concerns in the saddlery hardware trade, not only in the city of Canton, but throughout the entire country, is that of Elbel & Co., who control a trade of great magnitude in everything pertaining to the business. The works were first established in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1847, but were moved to Canton, Ohio, by Elbel, Gilliam & Co. in 1880. They purchased the building formerly occupied by the Printing Press Manufacturing Co., to which other buildings have been added, the material being brick. This company manufactures saddlery hardware of all kinds and descriptions, brass, silver, nickel-plate, tinner's and japanner's and malleable iron castings. The individual members of the firm are G. Elbel, Edwin Davis and Paul Gschwend. They employ from two hundred to two hundred and twenty men all the time and are doing a flourishing business. Prompt attention is given to all orders, and the house is one with which it is desirable on the part of dealers and others to form relations, since these are sure to be satisfactory, permanent and profitable. The members of this company are widely known throughout the community as energetic, honorable business men, and their standing and position in both commercial and social circles is of the highest and most creditable character.

Mr. Elbel is a native of Germany, having been born June 24, 1835, and passed his boyhood days in his native country, receiving a common-school education. He emigrated to the United States in his fourteenth year, and after an ocean voyage of forty-nine days, landed in Baltimore, Md. From there he went to Pittsburgh, Pa., and for some time was engaged in the scale business. Later, he was a pattern-maker for different parties and different firms. In 1865, he was employed as a pattern-maker by a Pittsburgh firm, and subsequently was taken into the firm as a partner. They manufactured all kinds of malleable iron saddlery, hardware, etc., and continued business there until 1880, when our subject came to Canton and established his present works, in which he owns a controlling interest.

Mr. Elbel, being a practical and skilled mechanic, superintends the general business and especially the mechanical and finishing department. Having placed the business upon a substantial basis, it is now one of the growing and important industries of Canton.

Mr. Elbel was united in marriage, in 1862, to Miss Elizabeth Anderegg, of Pittsburgh, Pa., but a native of Switzerland, and she now presides in a graceful and pleasing manner over his fine residence at No. 368 North Cleveland Avenue. Nine children have been born to this union, a son and three daughters still living, five being deceased.

JOHN W. MUSKOPF. The spirit of progress so characteristic of the American citizens of the nineteenth century finds an exemplification in the gentleman above named. He is a farmer and stock-raiser, residing on section 22, Perry Township, where he owns a splendid estate. He worked hard to obtain an education, and has toiled industriously to gain a competence and provide for himself a good home. In this endeavor he has succeeded, and his comfortable dwelling abounds in good cheer for body and mind, while the various other buildings upon the estate are neat and well built.

He of whom we write is a native of this county and was born November 28, 1847, to John and Elizabeth Muskopf. The father of our subject is a native of Germany and emigrated to this country, making location in Stark County in the '30s. He is still living here, having attained the age of three-score years and ten. He was married three

times and of his large family of children the following survive: Catherine, our subject, Jacob, Clara, Laura, Louisa, Samuel, Maggie and Daniel. The elder Mr. Muskopf is a member of the Evangelical Church, in which body he has many warm friends.

John W. Muskopf of this sketch was orphaned by the death of his mother when nine days old, and was then taken into the home of his grandfather, Daniel Urshel, where he was given fair opportunities for an education and was reared to manhood. His grandfather was an early settler in Stark County and was a member of the German Lutheran Church.

The original of this sketch was married August 20, 1874, to Miss Frances Way, who was born in Pike Township, this county, and is a daughter of Frederick Way, who is still living in the above-named township. To Mr. and Mrs. Muskopf have been born three children: Ira A., Kittie S. and Grace.

Our subject owns eighty acres of land, which he has placed under good cultivation, and is one of the most active agriculturists in this part of the county. He is a valued member of the Reformed Church at Richville. In politics, he is a Democrat and a member of the Perry Grange at Massillon. A reliable, steady-going citizen, an industrious farmer and good neighbor, he is looked upon with respect and his wife also has many friends.

LOUIS B. OHLIGER, Superintendent of the City Water Works, and Chief of the Fire Department at Canton, was born in the city where he now resides, April 9, 1855. His parents, Louis and Mary Ohliger, were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married, and where their eldest child, Jacob, now a resident of Pittsburgh, Pa., was born. At an early day they came to America and settled in Canton, where the father embarked in the hotel business and continued thus engaged for some years. He subsequently retired to private life, and at a good old age passed from earth, in 1888. His wife had died some years previous. They were worthy people, of whose memory their children are justly proud. The father became quite prominent in public affairs, serving as City Councilman from the Third Ward, and also occupying other positions of honor.

The parental family consisted of four sons and two daughters: Jacob, Christ, Louis B., one deceased, Elizabeth, now Mrs. Edward Diener, and Augusta, wife of John Brown. The subject of this sketch was reared in Canton, and received a limited education in the common schools of the place. His mother having died when he was about six years of age, the children were early forced to become self-supporting, and had none of the advantages which are enjoyed by those whose circumstances are more fortunate. When fourteen years old, Louis B. commenced to learn the trade of plumbing, steam and gas fitting, and as he was quick to learn and prompt to execute, he soon became an expert in the business, and commanded good wages.

Subsequently, Mr. Ohliger became foreman for George W. Dillon, in his plumbing, steam and gas-fitting works, where he remained until 1882. He was then appointed Chief of the Fire Department under a Republican administration, and has since served in that capacity. A few months after becoming Chief, he was appointed Superintendent of the Water Works, which position he has ever since filled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. His long term of office sufficiently indicates his popularity, and it is safe to say that, of all the citizens of Canton, there is not one who occupies a higher place in the regard of all than does he. In the best sense of that often abused word, he is "self-made," and although he had few school advantages, he has become well informed on all the leading subjects of interest, and is a thoughtful reader of current literature. From his business investments he realizes a good income and prosperity has rewarded his efforts.

In 1876, Mr. Ohliger was married to Miss Salome Oberly, of Greensburgh, Ohio, and they are the parents of one child, Conn. In his social relations, our subject is identified with the Knights of

Pythias, National Union, and the Knights of the Golden Rule. Politically, he is a stanch adherent of the principles of the Democratic party, and gives his influence to the promotion of all public measures calculated to advance the welfare of the city.

BENJAMIN DOLL, a native of this county, has done much important pioneer work. He has passed the sixtieth milestone that marks an honorable life, and is still keenly interested in farming and stock-raising. His estate is amply supplied with commodious buildings for every purpose, and he is regarded as one of the prominent men in his community, and has many warm friends who esteem him highly for his sterling worth.

Mr. Doll was born July 27, 1827, in this county, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Risher) Doll, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Maryland. His mother, when nine years of age, in 1809, emigrated to Stark County in company with her parents, and during her life could relate many an interesting tale of pioneer life in the new State. In that early day, the family were often compelled to flee to the block-houses in order to protect themselves from the Indians.

John Doll, the father of our subject, emigrated to this State with his parents in 1814, the family locating in Osnaburg Township, this county, making their home in a log cabin in the woods. Of his large family of children, the following survive: Our subject, Josiah, Frank, Isaac, George and Eli. He of whom we write was reared to man's estate in this county, and received a practical education in the common schools. Many an acre of raw prairie land has he broken with the old-time plow, drawn by oxen, and with the ox-team hauled grain to market in those days. In his youth he was inured to hard labor, but thereby developed self-reliance and force of character, which have proved of incalculable benefit to him in later years.

The lady to whom our subject was united in marriage in 1857 was known in her maidenhood as Miss Catherine Fisher, and to them was born a family of eight children: Josiah, Flora, Denison, Logan, Melville, Cora, Albert, and Kent. The wife and mother departed this life May 14, 1888, and the lady whom Mr. Doll chose for his second wife was Mary A., a daughter of John Jeffers, a resident of this township.

In the spring of 1852, the original of this sketch went to California, taking passage on a steamer from the harbor of New York City, and landed after a voyage of one month in San Francisco. He remained in the Golden State for three years, and was engaged in mining with fair success. He has since visited California on three different occasions, but always returns well satisfied with his home in the Buckeye State.

Mr. Doll is the proprietor of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land which his industry and enterprise have placed under excellent tillage, and from which he reaps a comfortable income. In politics, he is a stanch Republican, warmly advocating the principles of that party, and does all in his power to advance its interests. He has served acceptably as School Director in his district, and is a member of the Perry Grange at Massillon. Mr. Doll is a man of sensible opinions on all subjects with which he is conversant, his dealings are always on the square, and his credit in money matters, as in all things whatsoever, is sound.

SIMON P. EBY. The life of a farmer, particularly if one takes possession of an undeveloped tract of land, calls forth the vigor of body and powers of mind in a degree that would be surprising to one who is unacquainted with rural life. The man who can make a success of agriculture must be ready to take advantage of the variations in the soil and climate, and must therefore be keenly observant regarding the results of drainage, rotation of crops and

methods of cultivation. It is by reason of industry and intelligence on the part of its farmers that Stark County has reached its present state of development and productiveness, and those who have aided in this work are deserving of grateful remembrance. Among those who in Plain Township have been for many years advancing the interests of the county is Simon P. Eby, who is engaged in farming and stock-raising on section 24.

The natal day of our subject was October 26, 1821, and his birthplace section 24 of the above-named township. His father, David Eby, was a native of Virginia, and his grandfather, also David Eby, was a native of the same State and served as a drummer-boy in the Revolutionary War, having run away from home when fourteen years of age, and, joining the army, served his country faithfully and well for seven years.

David Eby located in this county in 1806, where he entered four hundred and eighty acres of land from the Government. The journey hither was made on horseback and he was accompanied at that time by his parents and their family. The father, who ranked among the oldest pioneers of this section, died in 1832. David Eby in company with a brother kept "bach" for about a twelvemonth, when the brother was married, and David then made his home with him. This section was still the haunt of deer and wild animals, but it seemed to Mr. Eby to present opportunities that made it a desirable place in which to locate. He therefore, ere long, built a log cabin, and, going back to Pennsylvania, was there married, and returning to his new home with his bride, has ever since been numbered among the agriculturists of the county. The primitive furnishings of their log cabin consisted of a table, which was made by driving sticks into the ground and placing on them clapboards, and the bed and one or two chairs were fashioned in the same manner. Their nearest neighbor was two and one-half miles distant, and when ready to market the products of the farm at Cleveland, Mr. Eby was obliged to cut a road through to Greensburgh, and on returning brought leather, salt, etc., which he received in exchange for his grain. His success in the development of his land was complete, and at his death, which occurred in his seventy-ninth year, he owned two hundred and forty acres of land in this township and three hundred and twenty acres in Summit County, this State. He was a self-made man and acquired this vast amount of property through his own diligence and skill as a practical, wide-awake farmer. He was an active member of the Baptist Church, in which denomination he served as Deacon for many years.

The mother of our subject, who, prior to her marriage, was Miss Catherine Leezer, was born in Washington County, Pa., and became the mother of six children, of whom Rhoda and Reuben are deceased. Those living are Delilah, Simon P. and Rachel. The mother of these children was, like her husband, a devoted member of the German Baptist Church, and died when sixty-six years of age. Her father, Peter Leezer, was a farmer in Pennsylvania, and when advanced in years came to this county and made his home with the father of our subject, where his decease occurred at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His wife, who survived him some time, died in the ninety-sixth year of her age. They were both members of the German Baptist Church.

He of whom we write was reared amid the scenes of a somewhat primitive nature, and enjoyed only the educational advantages afforded by the subscription schools. He has been an eye-witness of the wonderful development of this section, and in company with his brother John farmed the old homestead until reaching his thirtieth year. His wedded life with Miss Annie Harshbarger, which began April 20, 1852, is a worthy example of a true marriage. Mrs. Eby was born in Osnaburg Township, this county, November 9, 1827, and has borne her husband six children, only two of whom, Phœbe and Matilda, are living. Those deceased are Catherine, Malinda, Delilah and David.

After establishing a home of his own, our subject farmed in this township until 1872, when he removed to Nimishillen Township and made his home on the Georgetown Road for the succeeding thirteen years. At the expiration of that time, he took possession of his present farm, which comprises three hundred and two acres of valuable land, and is one of the finest estates in the

county. His energy, enterprise and business tact have been prominent agents in pushing forward the interests of this section and in advancing its material prosperity. He has, however, lived a retired life for the past twenty-eight years, having acquired considerable wealth in the prosecution of his calling. He is in every respect a good citizen, and is fully trusted by his fellow-men, because he has always carried himself as an upright, God-fearing man, conducting himself toward others so as to secure their good-will and respect. He is engaged in lending money, and makes his home on his beautiful estate, which is improved with numerous substantial buildings of a high order, and stocked with the best grades of cattle and horses.

The original of this sketch is one of the prominent and influential members of the German Baptist Church, with which denomination he has been connected for the past twenty-four years, and is occupying the office of Deacon at the present time. He has been very liberal in his contributions toward its support, and, in company with his brother, donated nearly all the funds necessary to erect the splendid large edifice in which that denomination worships. He is, in the truest sense of the phrase, a self-made man, possesses a keen, resolute nature, the ability to execute his plans and persistent industrial habits, by which he has prospered marvelously. He is always found ready and willing to contribute to all schemes for the advancement of the township and county, and enjoys the friendship of many who appreciate the genuine worth of his character.

OREN FREEMAN. Among those who are cultivating a portion of the soil of Perry Township with good results and securing thereby many comforts and enjoyments is the gentleman above named. His home comprises seventy-eight and one-fourth acres of land, and his occupation is that of a general farmer, wisely dividing his attention between diversified crops and such a number of domestic animals as can be well kept and are easily cared for. His estate is under cultivation and indicates in its appearance that it is controlled by one who understands his business.

Our subject was born September 13, 1842, in this township, to John and Mary (Scott) Freeman, natives of New Jersey and Scotland respectively. The father was brought to this county when a boy and is now one of the oldest living settlers in Perry Township, having attained his eighty-third year. He is the father of the following children: Elizabeth, Mrs. A. Whipple; Mary, Mrs. George Ingold; Susan the wife of John Bailey; Jeanette Ann, Mrs. Gabriel Swihart; Oren; John; Agnes, Mrs. Jacob Devies; Adelia, Mrs. John Swinehart; and Arletta, the wife of Prof. Lester Nave, of Massillon.

Oren Freeman of this sketch studied during his boyhood in a temple of learning which had but three windows and was built and furnished in a primitive fashion. However, he was able to acquire a practical knowledge of the principal branches of study, and having an active mind and a desire for information, he has added to his knowledge in various ways from year to year. But little clearing had been done upon the home farm when he was old enough to aid in its cultivation, and he now sees around him the fruits of his labors and the many comforts of modern life. He remembers an early day when oxen were used in breaking the land and rude implements of every description occupied the home place.

August 12, 1862, Mr. Freeman was married to Miss Mary Allen, a lady of fine character, domestic knowledge and social nature. She is a native of this county and the daughter of Austin and Ann Allen, early settlers of this township. The happy union has been blessed by one daughter, Inez, now the wife of John W. Black.

In his political relations, our subject is a stanch Republican, and has ever shown a deep interest in the cause of education and other civilizing and elevating influences in his community. He is well-informed regarding topics of general interest, expresses himself readily regarding them and has a manly character which leads his neighbors to re-

spect him. He has been very successful in his chosen occupation and occupies a high place among his fellow-agriculturists. A sketch of his father, John Freeman, Sr., will be found on another page in this volume.

CHRISTIAN GERBER. The biographer takes especial pleasure in recording the principal events in the life of one who, like Mr. Gerber, was born in Stark County and here reared to manhood when this now flourishing section of country was an undeveloped wilderness. Throughout his long and honorable career as an agriculturist, Mr. Gerber has been truly interested in evey movement which will advance the interests of his community, and has always been known as one of its most enterprising and pushing citizens.

This prominent citizen of Bethlehem Township was born in Stark County, Ohio, January 8, 1820. His parents, Jacob and Magdalena Gerber, were natives of Pennsylvania, and his maternal grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812. During the early days in the history of Ohio, Jacob Gerber removed hither in 1812, and settled in Canton Township, Stark County, of which he was one of the first settlers, and where he resided until his death in 1827. He aided in the pioneer work of developing the vast resources of the county, and improved a farm from the wilderness.

Amid such surroundings as were common in pioneer settlements, Christian Gerber grew to a rugged manhood, well fitted to bear his part in the labor of cultivating a farm. When about twenty-one years of age, he commenced to learn the trade of a carpenter, which he afterward followed for many years in connection with agricultural pursuits. Prior to learning his trade, he had attended the school held in a log building near his home, and when not at work on the farm, devoted himself assiduously to his studies. For a short time, he was also a student in a German school.

The first marriage of our subject took place September 21, 1851, when Miss Catherine Keehn became his wife. This lady was born in Stark County, and passed from earth after a wedded life of twenty-two years, leaving one daughter, Hannah, Mrs. G. Stump, of Seward County, Neb. June 8, 1884, Mr. Gerber was again united in marriage, his wife being the widow of U. W. Shidler, late of Perry Township. Mrs. Gerber was born in Stark County, June 10, 1833, and was a daughter of David and Susanna (Pence) Rothrock, natives of Pennsylvania. At an early day, they came to Stark County, where the mother died in 1840, and the father in 1886. They were worthy pioneer citizens of Stark County, and were highly esteemed by all who knew them. Their daughter, by her first union, became the mother of four children, three of whom are now living: Mary, wife of Reuben H. Yutzey; Emma, who married E. E. Hartzell; and Olive, wife of R. T. Carnahan. Mr. and Mrs. Gerber are prominent members of the German Baptist Church, and are ever active in good works.

MATTHEW B. EXCELL, a journalist of rare ability, is editor of the *Weekly Leader* at Alliance, one of the best publications of its kind in Stark County. He also fills the responsible position of Mayor of the city, and is one who has demonstrated his ability in worldly affairs, and whose personal character is worthy of commendation. A native of Michigan, he was born in Jackson, July 13, 1869, and later removed with his parents to Cleveland, this State. He was a bright apt scholar, and when nineteen years old was graduated from the High School in Forest City, and later, attending the Mt. Union College, received a diploma from that institution in 1891. While in college, he was employed a part of the time as reporter on the *Daily Leader*, and in this way was enabled to pay his tuition. In July, 1891, he was appointed city editor of the

Leader, and upon the consolidation of that paper with the *Daily Review*, and the sale of the *Weekly Leader* to T. E. Wilson, Mr. Excell was given the editorial management of the latter paper, which position he filled until June last, being the youngest editor in charge in the State. He has always been of a literary turn of mind, and his taste in that direction developed so rapidly and his talent became so conspicuous, that he has been termed by the people of Stark County the "boy journalist."

Mr. Excell socially stands high in the Masonic fraternity, and is well known in public life. He is well adapted to journalism, as he brings to his work a clear, well-balanced, well-trained mind; is cool, just and discriminating in his judgment, and does not commit himself rashly to any new theory or scheme without giving it careful consideration. The *Weekly Leader* was established by Wallace H. Phelps in 1875, and has grown until it now has a circulation of nearly four thousand copies in Stark, Columbiana, Portage and Mahoning Counties. Our subject was elected to his present position as Mayor of Alliance in April, 1892, and is the youngest incumbent of that office which the records show.

JACOB F. SNYDER, of the firm of Hess, Snyder & Co., is a practical machinist and is Superintendent of the machine shop. He is a man of push and energy, and is in all branches of his business thoroughly versed and experienced. He was born in Massillon, Ohio, on the 6th of July, 1845, and here he passed his youth and received his education. His father, Fred Snyder, is represented in the sketch of George M. Snyder.

The original of this notice was reared in his native town and received a liberal education here. After the death of his father, he resided for two years with an uncle on a farm in Perry Township, and then returned to Massillon, where he was employed by Russell & Co. for eighteen months, working in the machine shops. In 1861, he went to Wooster, Wayne County, and was in the engine works of Barrett & Co., of that place, for one year. In 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-second Regiment, Ohio National Guards, Company A, and went to Cleveland. There he was transferred and mustered into Company E, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Ohio National Guards, and was sent to Washington, where he was stationed at Ft. Ethan Allen. Later, he was detailed to carry rifles and ammunition down South, and he was at one time within one mile of Mosby's Cavalry, of six hundred men. He remained there until it was safe to go back to the fort. He remained in the service until September, 1864, and then returned to Wooster, where he was engaged with Barrett & Co. until 1868, and became a practical machinist. Thence he went to Canton, and was engaged in the Ball Works, manufacturing reapers, mowers, etc., he being employed in the manufacture of tools for the works, and having charge of one part of it. He remained here until 1871, and then worked for the Canton Saw Works, manufacturing tools for them for some time.

Afterwards, our subject was with different manufactories until 1873, when he came to Massillon and assisted in setting up the machinery in the rolling mill here. About five months later, he returned to Canton, was engaged in the Peerless Works again for about three months, after which he was employed as a machinist by Russell & Co., of Massillon. A few months later, he determined to start in business for himself, and erected a machine shop and foundry on North Mill Street, where the Massillon Ice Plant is now located. He soon had a good business, and later erected new works with steam power. In 1882, he entered into partnership with Hess Bros., under the firm title of Hess, Snyder & Co., and this is now the second largest enterprise of the kind in the city.

Mr. Snyder has been Superintendent of the machine shop and thoroughly understands every detail of his business. This firm will soon build a four-story brick building, 50x117 feet, and they have all the improvements for manufacturing hot

air furnaces, cook and heating stoves, etc., and do a general jobbing business. Mr. Snyder was married in Massillon, in 1867, to Miss Sarah Simmons, a native of this county, and the daughter of Jacob Simmons, a farmer here. Four children have resulted from this union: Wallace E., a graduate of the High School, is shipping clerk for Hess, Snyder & Co.; Estella A. is also a graduate of the High School; Leo G. and Ethel R., both at home. Mr. Snyder is a member of the German Lutheran Church, is Deacon in the same, and was Superintendent of the Sunday-school for three years. He was also Secretary and Treasurer of the Sunday-school for one year, and is still holding the latter position. He adheres strictly to the Republican party in his political views.

CAPT. SHEPHERD M. KNAPP, of the firm of Knapp & Dillon, the largest plumbers, gas and steam fitters in Massillon, is a native of this city, having been born March 23, 1835, and is a son of William W. Knapp, a native of Cummington, Mass. The grandfather of our subject, who also bore the name of William, was a farmer in the Bay State, where he lived and died on a farm. His ancestors were of Welsh descent and early settlers of Massachusetts. William Knapp, Sr., was a soldier in the War of 1812, and at his death was seventy-two years of age.

The father of our subject was reared to farm pursuits, and when reaching his sixteenth year was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade. Going to New York when attaining his majority, he worked at his trade until taking up his residence in this city. After removing hither, in company with John E. McLean and Squire Everhard, he engaged in the manufacture of threshing-machines, their place of business being located at the corner of North Erie and North Streets. After disposing of his interests in that firm, Mr. Knapp, in company with Daniel Harbaugh, engaged in the grocery business, which partnership was dissolved a year later, and the father of our subject, with a Mr. Haveland, engaged in the manufacture of threshing-machines. In 1843, he went to Ann Arbor, Mich., and was there engaged in the same business until the fall of 1848, when he sold out his interests and returned to Massillon and remained over winter, when he started to California, but died on his way at Ft. Independence, Mo.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Harriet Austin, and was a native of Vermont. Her father, Isaac Austin, was also a native of the Green Mountain State and a farmer by occupation. Mr. Austin came overland to this county at an early day, and was engaged in boating on the canal and in developing a farm. He departed this life at Loudonville, this State. The mother of our subject accompanied her parents on their removal hither, and made her home in this city until her decease, in March, 1878, when seventy-two years of age.

Our subject was one in a family of three sons and four daughters, only four of whom are living, and of whom he is the eldest but one. His brother, W. A., enlisted in 1861 as a member of Company A, Nineteenth Ohio Infantry, and when mustered out, occupied the position of Captain; he is at present residing in Washington, D. C., where for five years he was Chief Clerk in the United States Postoffice Department. He was appointed Adjutant-General of Ohio under Gov. Hayes, which position he held for four years, and was the incumbent of the same office for two years under Gov. Noyes and about six months under Gov. Allen.

Our subject spent the years from ten to twelve in Ann Arbor, after which he went to Massachusetts, where he worked on a farm and attended school in the winter season. In the fall of 1849, he returned to his native town, where he went to school during the winter months, and worked on the farm of J. E. McLean during the busy season. In the spring of 1852, he again went to Massachusetts, where he spent the summer, and in the fall apprenticed himself to learn the machinist's trade under the firm of E. & T. Ring, of Norwich, that State, spending eighteen months so employed. In the spring of 1854, he came back

to Massillon, and was employed in Hart & Brown's shop for one year; then going to Cleveland he was engaged with the Cuyahoga Steam Furnace Co. in that line of work for one year, when again taking up his abode in this city, he entered the employ of Russell & Co. August 9, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army, joining Company E, One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Infantry, and was mustered in as Second Lieutenant. With his company he left for Kentucky, and eight days later participated in the battle of Ft. Mitchell. He was taken sick at Mt. Vernon and was sent home on a furlough. After three months, Mr. Knapp rejoined his regiment at Knoxville, Tenn., which place he had much difficulty in reaching safely. He participated in the siege at that point, where he had command of his company. During the winter, he received his appointment as First Lieutenant of another company but did not accept it.

In the spring of 1864, our subject joined Sherman's army, being mustered into service as First Lieutenant, and commanded his company alone until the fall of Atlanta. He was then transferred to Company B, of the same regiment, of which he was again given command, and after the battle of Nashville was again transferred and placed at Ft. Fisher with his regiment, where he was promoted to be Captain of Company D, and acting in that capacity fought at the battle of Old Town Creek, which gave them possession of Ft. Anderson and the city of Wilmington. With his command, Mr. Knapp went to Goldsboro, from there to Raleigh, and after the surrender of Gen. Johnston, his regiment was ordered to go to Greensboro to receive the surrender of that general. June 17, 1865, he was mustered out of service at Greensboro, and was paid off and received his final discharge at Cleveland, July 3d of that year. On again returning to the peaceful pursuits of life, our subject engaged in the machine shops of the Excelsior Works, with which he remained until the fall of 1868. Later, he was in the employ of Russell & Co., with whom he remained until February, 1881, when he established his present business in company with Mr. Dillon.

August 14, 1862, Miss Barbara S. Anderson, a native of Scotland, became the wife of our subject. She came with her parents to this country when a small girl, and was reared to mature years in North Bloomfield, Ohio. The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are Anna B., now Mrs. Thornburg, of Boston, Mass., and Harriet, Mrs. Merwin, of this city. Our subject is a member of the Grand Army Post, in which he is Past Senior Vice-commander. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and one of the wide-awake, prosperous business men of this city.

PETER BALMAT. Mr. Balmat is to-day probably the most influential and esteemed living factor in Louisville, Ohio, and is at present manager of the Empire Clay Company, manufacturers of vitrified salt-glazed building blocks and steps, paving-brick, drain-tile, fire-brick, and all fire-clay products.

Mr. Balmat is a native of Washington Township, Stark County, Ohio, his birth occurring on the 29th of September, 1851. His parents, Michael and Mary F. Balmat, were both natives of France, where they passed their youthful days and were married. As bett r opportunities were afforded in the United States, they decided to cross the ocean and make their future home in America. The father was a soldier under Napoleon I, and served for some time. In 1847, he made the trip to America, and shortly afterward located in Stark County, Ohio, where he bought an extensive tract of land. Many years were passed in improving and cultivating this land, and it at last became one of the best farms in the county. On this farm, where he had spent the best years of his life, the father of our subject received his final summons in 1878, when eighty-five years of age.

The youthful days of our subject was passed in assisting his father on the farm, and in receiving a good practical education in the common schools. Being naturally possessed of an active and bright mind, he improved all his spare moments, and when nineteen years of age he began wielding the

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ferrule. He became well known as one of the prominent and successful educators, and taught fifteen terms of school. In 1874, he took a course in Iron City Business College, at Pittsburgh, and in 1879 he was appointed Postal Clerk from Pittsburgh to Indianapolis, also on other lines. While in the postal service, he met Miss Rosa Maudru, a native of Washington Township, Stark County, where she was born on the 19th of February, 1856, and they were married on the 20th of September, 1881.

After leaving the postal service, our subject again resumed teaching, but after continuing this for some time, turned his attention to his present business in April, 1890. This business is the most extensive of the kind in the county, and they have a capacity of three hundred and fifty thousand bricks per year. In his politics, Mr. Balmat is a Republican, but he has never aspired to office. He is a member of the Holy Catholic Church, and was confirmed at the early age of thirteen. He is also a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, and is a man who is deeply interested in all measures and enterprises for the upbuilding and improvement of his town and county.

SAMUEL REINOEHL, deceased, played an important part in the development of Stark County as one of its most enterprising, far-seeing and clear-headed farmers. He was born in this county, September 23, 1848, and at his death, which occurred September 5, 1890, had acquired a handsome property, which is located in Tuscarawas Township.

Henry and Susan Reinoehl, the parents of our subject, were natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers of Lawrence Township, the father having been brought hither when a young boy and reared to man's estate in this section. His life calling was that of an agriculturist, and the improvements on his estate rank with the best in this vicinity. Our subject received his primary education in the district schools, which was later supplemented by attendance at Smithville Academy, in Wayne County, this State, and, when starting out in life for himself, brought a cultured, well-trained mind to bear upon the problems that beset the skilled agriculturist, who seeks to till the soil after the best methods, so as to make it produce abundantly without exhausting its natural fertility.

January 4, 1875, Mr. Reinoehl was married to Miss Jennie, daughter of John and Margaret Raber. She was born December 11, 1852, and by her marriage with our subject has become the mother of three children, who bear the respective names of Della M., Vinnie I. and Samuel R. Our subject departed this life September 5, 1890, deeply mourned by his numerous friends. He was liberal in his support of whatever tended to the moral and religious elevation of his community, and was a loyal citizen. He was a Republican in politics, and a firm believer in the superiority of that party's principles and government.

At his death, Mr. Reinoehl left one hundred and sixty acres of land, which, by persistent industry, he had improved into a good farm, and from which he reaped an income sufficient to keep up the pleasant home in which he resided. Mrs. Reinoehl is a most excellent lady, well educated and refined, and taught school several terms in Wayne and Stark Counties. In closing this record of the life of our subject, we will add that a patient, resolute nature, a keen love of business, accuracy of judgment, together with honesty of purpose and act, were his distinguishing traits, and marked him as a true type of our self-made men.

JOHN B. BISSONNETTE is the Manager of the Fulton Tool and Manufacturing Company, of Canal Fulton, in which he also owns a one-third interest. This is one of the leading industries of the city, and our subject is one of the prominent business men. He was born six miles from Lyons, France, June 8, 1840,

and was the seventh in a family of fourteen children, whose parents were J. and Angellique (Dennis) Bissonnette. They were also natives of France and the father was a farmer by occupation. In 1843, the latter emigrated with his family to Canada, locating forty-five miles above Montreal, where he became a large land-owner and a wealthy man. His death occurred in 1848. His wife long survived him and died in Canada in 1886. Of their family of eight sons and six daughters, six sons and two daughters grew to mature years, and three sons and two daughters are yet living.

Our subject was only three years old when his parents emigrated to America. He remained in Canada until 1854, when, at the age of fourteen years, he started out in life for himself. In the summer he sailed upon the Lakes, and in the winter formed one of the crew in an ocean vessel. In 1858, he was made second mate on the ship "St. Peter," running from New Orleans to France, and held that office for eight months, when he abandoned the sea. Mr. Bissonnette then went to Pittsburgh and for seven months was a bar-tender, but during that time never tasted liquor. He then began clerking in the grocery store of John B. Sneathen, of that place, with whom he remained until June 4, 1861.

In that month, Mr. Bissonnette went to Philadelphia, Pa., for the purpose of joining the United States navy, but there was then no vacancy. He then attempted to enlist in the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, but was not tall enough, and was afterward again rejected by another Pennsylvania regiment for the same reason. Still anxious to enter the service, he went to Trenton, N. J., and became a member of Company H, First New Jersey Infantry, in which he served for three years, when, at the expiration of his term, he was discharged, June 23, 1864. During one engagement, he was struck by a ball on the left side of his breast but a small Bible in his vest-pocket saved him. Another time, a ball just grazed his face, leaving a mark, and he had several other narrow escapes.

After his discharge, Mr. Bissonnette returned to Canada, where he remained until the 6th of June, 1865. He then went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and took a course in a business college there, and was graduated with second honors in a class of thirty-eight. He was graduated on the same day that President Lincoln was assassinated. Going to Pittsburgh, he secured a position as book-keeper with Jarvis & Co., plumbers and steam-fitters, with whom he remained until 1870, when he bought a half-interest in the brass foundry and finishing works of Mansfield & Company at No. 13 Second Avenue. To that business he devoted his energies until March 18, 1877, when the factory was burned, after which he spent one year with the Anchor Foundry and Machine Company. On account of sickness, he then sold out to Whorton McKnight, who is still carrying on the business. In 1879, he engaged as Manager with Jarvis & Gray, proprietors of a machine and steam-fitting establishment at Pittsburgh, serving as book-keeper and manager until 1883.

On the 1st of April of that year, Mr. Bissonnette removed to Canton, Ohio, and in company with A. L. Klaus purchased the Canton Tool Company in July, 1883, removing it to Canal Fulton, when the name was changed to the Fulton Tool and Manufacturing Company. They employ some twenty-eight men and manufacture coal miner's and stone mason's tools. They run fourteen fires, five trip-hammers, and one large hammer run by steam which does all the heavy work. They do all their own forging and buy their steel by the car load. Their work is all finished by hand and each tool bears the "Fulton" stamp. They employ none but the best workmen and as their tools are thus always first-class, they find a ready sale and are shipped to almost every State in the Union. In connection with this business, the firm has lately purchased the business of the Wilson Patent Safety Break and Spregg Company, and will manufacture those implements. They make one hundred and thirty different kinds of picks, for all kinds of coal and stone work, using only the best material, and their annual sales amount to about $54,000.

Mr. Bissonnette is a member and Adjutant of Canal Fulton Post No. 385, G. A. R., also belongs to the Odd Fellows' society, the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of Honor. He is one of the most prominent citizens of Canal Fulton and his busi-

ness is a valued addition to its enterprises. He is a man of most excellent business ability, sagacious and enterprising, and by fair dealing and the application of correct business principles has acquired a handsome competence. He is now acting as Director of the Union School District of Canal Fulton. He was first married, February 3, 1870, to Miss Ellen M. Smith, of Hamburg, Pa., and by this marriage has three children: Frank J., Wesley S. and Florence G. Miss Ellen Smith died in 1887. He was married again, June 20, 1889, to Susie Zeller, of Canal Fulton.

JOHN B. WHITMER. This steady-going and reliable citizen is one of those forming the bone and sinew of the community, and has assisted in establishing its financial prosperity and upbuilding the standard of morality. His life occupation has been that of a farmer, in which he has been very successful, accumulating a good property and fortifying himself against the days when, by reason of advancing years, he may be unfitted for active labor. The farm is one of the best in Bethlehem Township, is pleasantly located on section 11, and contains two hundred and eighty-two acres of land. With its well-tilled fields, substantial buildings and general air of plenty, the place is one of the most attractive in the locality.

Our subject, who is a native of this county, was born February 6, 1822, and is the son of Benjamin and Barbara Whitmer, natives of Pennsylvania. The father of our subject emigrated to Stark County in an early day, and located on an unimproved farm in Bethlehem Township. Here he erected a log cabin and resided with his family, enduring many of the hardships incident to a life in an undeveloped country. He succeeded in placing his estate under excellent cultivation, and upon it he was residing at the time of his decease in 1851.

Our subject, who was reared amid the pioneer scenes in this county, assisted his father in carrying on the farm, and during the winter seasons attended school in the log cabin. His advantages, however, were very limited, and he may truly be called self-made. May 4, 1845, he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Reed, whose birth occurred in this county, May 12, 1819. She is the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kaufman) Reed, natives of the Keystone State and early residents of this county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer have been born eight children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are: Lovina, Mrs. Samuel Darr; Barbara A., Eli, Samuel, Enos and David. The two deceased are William and George. In 1846, our subject located upon his present farm, where he has resided since that time. As before stated, his estate is a valuable one, and by a proper rotation of crops is made to yield a handsome income.

He of whom we write served nine years as School Director in his district, and as a man of influence and prominence, well deserves representation in this volume, and it is with pleasure that we present his sketch to our readers. He is a stanch Democrat in politics, and takes great interest in everything which concerns his party. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and contributes liberally of his means to the support of the cause. Mr. Whitmer possesses in a marked degree the characteristics of enterprise and industry, which traits, together with the use of sound judgment in business affairs, have brought him success.

CAPT. WILLIAM SMITH WILLIAMS, President and Secretary of the Shale Brick Exchange, of Canton, Ohio, was born near this city, April 23, 1835, and is a son of George and Mary (Smith) Williams. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and became a resident of Stark County in 1816. But few industries were

open to the early settlers at that date, and his vocation was principally farming and the manufacture of brick. Industrious, honest and enterprising, he was soon looked upon as a valuable acquisition to the band of pioneers.

Our subject spent the first twenty years of his life on a farm, acquiring his education in the public schools of Canton. When a young man, he served as a Lieutenant in a militia company, called the Canton Light Guards, and was afterward made Captain of the Canton Battery. Possessing a superior mathematical mind, his inclinations only turned to the department of civil engineering and its kindred branches, and while in the High School he paid especial attention to his favorite science. With this preliminary preparation, he fitted himself for his profession by his own efforts, by private study and by practice in the field. His first engagement was as Assistant Civil Engineer of the southwest branch of the Pacific Railroad, running from St. Louis into the Indian Territory. In 1858, he was admitted to the Bar in Ohio, and in Missouri in 1859, having previously read law under the late Judge G. W. Belden, of Canton.

In the spring of 1861, Mr. Williams entered the service of the Government as Lieutenant in an independent battery of artillery, and was engaged in the battles of Scarey Creek and Hawk's Nest in Western Virginia. In November, 1861, he was commissioned by Gov. Dennison to raise another battery, which was known as the Third Ohio Independent Battery, with which Mr. Williams served as Captain, making for himself a highly creditable military record. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Raymond, Champion Hills, siege of Vicksburg, Clinton, Kenesaw Mountain, siege of Atlanta, Legget's Bald Knob, Ezra Church, Jonesboro and Lovejoy Station. For a part of the time he was Chief of Artillery of Gen. Logan's Staff, Third Division, Seventeenth Army Corps, and subsequently occupied the same position on the staff of Gen. M. D. Legget. After the fall of Atlanta, the artillery of the Seventeenth Corps was formed into a brigade, and Capt. Williams was assigned to the command of it as Chief of Artillery. This brigade comprised all the artillery of the Seventeenth Army Corps, and served as such until mustered out in December, 1864. During his whole military career, he distinguished himself as a brave soldier and an excellent and intrepid officer. His superior qualifications for the position, together with his gentlemanly bearing and courteous manner, rendered him one of the most popular officers in the corps. He is a member of the society of the Army of the Tennessee, and has been honored with the office of Vice-president. He is also a member of the Military Order of Loyal Legion.

In politics, the Captain is a stanch Republican. Shortly after his return from the army, he was appointed County Surveyor of Stark County, serving one term, and subsequently was City Engineer of Canton for several years. In 1872, he was appointed Resident Civil Engineer of Public Works of the State of Ohio. In the years 1872 and 1873, he was Inspector of Railroads for the State of Ohio, under Commissioner Walcot, and again in 1876 and 1877, under L. G. Delano.

In 1884, Captain Williams began experimenting in the manufacturing of paving brick from shale, the first manufactured west of the Ohio River. The works are located west of the Valley Railroad. He has energetically prosecuted the work, and his discoveries in the manufacture of paving brick from shale have developed one of Canton's most important industries. The shale brick is of a superior quality, and when vitrified is capable of resisting a greater pressure than granite. In connection with this, Capt. Williams also manufactures a very superior quality of fire brick. The excellence of these two kinds of brick is so well established and the orders come in so fast that it is with difficulty the demand is met. The capacity of the works is over three million bricks annually. Our subject is now President and Secretary of the Shale Brick Exchange, of Canton, and is one of the most prominent and influential business men of the city.

On the 17th of January, 1872, Capt. Williams married Emma, daughter of the late Dr. Frederick Hurxthal, of Massillon, late Sergeant of the Nineteenth Ohio Regiment. They had one son, Frederick, who died at the age of nineteen years. Their home, situated at No. 275 North Cleveland

Avenue, is a fine brick residence, surrounded with extensive grounds. The fine lawn is adorned with many native trees, and also with some beautiful pines. Capt. Williams is a gentleman of fine scholarly attainments and occupies a prominent rank among the leading civil engineers of the State. He is thoroughly devoted to his department of industry, and his military and professional record alike entitle him to high regard as a patriot and a citizen.

JOHN W. REINOEHL, who is a veteran of the late war, with an honorable record for bravery and devotion to the cause of his country, won in some of the hardest fought battles in the Rebellion, is a very successful farmer, one of the foremost in his line of business in Tuscarawas Township. He is a native of this county, having been born January 10, 1842, to William and Louisa (Bowman) Reinoehl, natives of Lebanon County, Pa.

The father of our subject, in company with his parents and other members of his family, emigrated to this county in 1831, and located in Lawrence Township, where they continued to reside until 1854. The elder Mr. Reinoehl when arriving here had not much money, but he was well endowed with the energy, perseverance and capacity for hard work that serves a man oftentimes better than money. In 1854, he came to this township, where he was residing at the time of his decease, which occurred in 1873.

Only two children were comprised in the parental family, our subject and his sister Mary. The former was reared to mature years in this section, and though on the outset subjected to the many inconveniences of opening up a new country, aided his father in clearing up a good farm, which was supplied with good buildings and well-equipped with practical machinery. He received a limited education in the district schools, and although never attending college, was of studious habits, and being a close observer, obtained a practical knowledge that has served him to good purpose.

In August, 1862, John W. Reinoehl enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Infantry, being mustered in as a private, and during his period of service fought under Gens. Gilmore, Burnside and Schofield. He participated in the first battle of Knoxville, and at the fight at Franklin received a fracture of the skull, from which injury he was confined in the hospital for three months. On receiving his honorable discharge at Columbus, in June, 1865, our subject returned home and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Miss Susan Groff, who was born in Lancaster County, Pa., June 7, 1843, became the wife of our subject June 6, 1867. She is the daughter of Benjamin and Anne Groff and to them have been born four children: Emma, Edwin, Ella and Elmer. Mr. Reinoehl has always taken an active interest in school affairs and has been selected to fill the office of School Director for several years. In politics, he casts his vote and influence in favor of Republican candidates, which party he believes to be in the right. He is a conscientious member of the Brethren-in-Christ Church, and is always ready to do another a kindness and to extend his help and sympathy to all in trouble. His estate, which comprises one hundred and ninety-six acres, is exceedingly fertile land and is provided with well-equipped farm structures that are complete in their arrangements and well stocked with good grades of animals.

DAVID SPONSELLER. The farming interests of Canton Township are well represented by this gentleman, who is one of its most skilled and prominent farmers and whose valuable estate is one of the best in the county. The Sponseller family located in this

section as early as 1814, and hence has been closely connected with its history, as will be found by referring to the sketch of Abraham Sponseller, elsewhere in this volume. Like many of the best residents of this county, our subject was born within its limits, his birth occurring on section 25 of the above township, April 24, 1837. His boyhood was passed on the old homestead and his earliest recollections are of the surrounding pioneer scenes. He remembers seeing deer, turkeys and wolves, and recalls the time when there were no roads here and the settlers crossed the prairies following the trails made by Indians. He obtained his early education in an old log schoolhouse, which was fitted up with slab benches, puncheon floor, stick and clay chimney, and an open fireplace. He remained at home until twenty-three years of age and took care of his parents, he being the youngest of the family.

February 14, 1860, Mr. Sponseller and Miss Elizabeth Kropt, who was born in this county, in 1837, were united in marriage. A sketch of her family will be found in the biography of her brother, William Kropt, occupying another page in this work. Of the eight children born to our subject and his wife, we make the following mention: Mary E.; Alice, who married John Rindchen, a carpenter in Canton; Laura A., Mrs. Samuel Swartz, whose husband is a farmer in Osnaburg Township; Ada, the wife of William Kitzmiller, a coal miner in this locality; Cora, Katie, Sonora and William.

After his marriage, our subject farmed the home place, getting one-third of the profits, and later, when providing himself with a team and other necessary implements, was given a one-half share until the death of his father, when he fell heir to the homestead, comprising two hundred and twenty acres of land. He devotes his time to mixed farming and keeps on his place good breeds of cattle, horses and sheep. He is a sensible, practical, efficient man in the discharge of his affairs and in his personality is moral, conscientious and upright. His present neat frame residence was erected in 1875 and the estate is further embellished by a large barn and all the necessary outbuildings, which stamp its owner as a man of progress and enterprise. In his political views, he is a Republican, and in objects which will tend to increase the prosperity of the country, particularly in that community in which he makes his home, Mr. Sponseller is interested. He has been a member of the Lutheran Church for the past thirty-five years and contributes liberally of his means towards its support.

When the father of our subject came to this county, his worldly possessions consisted of a one-horse wagon, two cows and one cent in money. Where now stands the prosperous city of Canton, were three log houses, and in going thither he used to crawl from log to log to keep from getting wet. Coffee at that time was fifty cents per pound, and the first year his family only used one pound. The nearest market was Cleveland, and after disposing of his grain there he would bring home on the return trip salt, for which two barrels of flour were exchanged, leather, etc.

ROBERT PHERSON. Among all the residents of Stark County, none show greater aptitude for business transactions, or better judgment in the conduct of affairs, than Mr. Pherson, whose home is in Sugar Creek Township. His farm comprises two hundred and ninety-six acres of land, on which he has made the improvements which make it one of the attractive and well-regulated estates in the neighborhood. The crops that are best suited to the soil and climate are raised, and also stock of good grades. Mr. Pherson has had an experience of years in the management of agricultural and business affairs, and is well known and respected for the honesty and sincerity of his character, and has the friendship of the best men in the community.

Born in this county, November 19, 1837, our subject is a son of Theophilus and Eliza (Tate) Pherson, the father being born in the North of Ireland and the mother in the Keystone State. The former, in 1829, determined to try his fortune in America, and with this end in view set sail for the United States, and after a tedious voyage

landed at his destination. Making his way directly to this county, he worked for a time on the Ohio Canal, and then, being desirous of following the life of an agriculturist, purchased and located upon the farm which our subject now calls his own. He was here married, and became the father of a family of eight children, all of whom are living with but one exception, and who bear the respective names of Jane, Mrs. Rev. W. Thomas; Elizabeth, Mrs. J. M. Trubey, whose sketch appears on another page in this volume; John, Robert, Almina, William and Albert. Mary Ann, Mrs. Jillott, is deceased. He passed through all the hardships which the pioneers in this section endured, and at his death, which occurred in February, 1848, left his family nicely situated.

Robert Pherson, of this sketch, retains a vivid recollection of the land when it was scarcely more than a primeval forest. He was the recipient of but limited schooling, as he was obliged to perform many home duties which are usual to the lot of a farmer boy, and as he lived in the country, had to walk to school. The first temple of learning was a log structure, having slab benches with pin legs, and all the primitive surroundings of that day. When ready to establish a home of his own, he was married, February 22, 1859, to Miss Lydia, the daughter of Samuel Hall, of Sugar Creek Township. Of their union, five children were born, only one of whom is deceased. Those living are: Ida, Mrs. Willis Putnam; Mary, the wife of John Gessaker; Clara and Gertie. Ursula died when twenty-three years old.

Mr. Pherson started in life a poor man, but by close attention to the affairs he had in hand, and unflagging zeal, he has secured a competence, and is now classed among the well-to-do farmers of the township. He gives his political adherence to the Republican party, and as one of the old residents of the county, has ever taken a warm interest in its development and welfare. For four terms he held the office of Township Trustee, and during his incumbency of that office performed the duties in an entirely satisfactory manner. He is an earnest worker in the United Brethren Church, and has held the position of Trustee in that body. Mr. Pherson possesses that energy and tact which invariably bring success to their owner, and he is adding to his popularity and also to his financial standing each year, and ranks high in the esteem of his community.

DANIEL MEYER, whose sketch now invites attention from the reader, is a self-made man in the most comprehensive meaning of that term, and one who by dint of natural ability and perseverance has raised himself from the bottom to the top round of the ladder of success. His early opportunities were poor indeed, but, as is daily proven, everything is possible to one who possesses strength of character and push, and these Mr. Meyer possesses in a marked degree. He is at present residing on section 10, Bethlehem Township, where he is engaged in farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of the latter branch of agriculture.

A native of this State, our subject was born in Tuscarawas County, April 22, 1843, to Charles and Catherine Meyer, the former of whom is deceased. The mother of our subject, who is still living, makes her home in Tuscarawas County and is now in her eighty-fifth year. The eleven children born to herself and husband bore the respective names of George, John, Daniel, Jacob, Charles, Henry, Margaret, Mary, Callie D., Catherine and Christina.

Mr. Meyer of this sketch grew to manhood in his native county, and being trained to a thorough knowledge of farm work, has made that his calling. He obtained a fair education in the district school, and although he had not the opportunities offered the youth of to-day, made the best of his advantages and obtained a good knowledge of books. The lady to whom he was married July 17, 1870, bore the name of Mary J. Knappenberger, who was born March 6, 1851, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. To them has been born a family of four children, three of whom are living: Cullen, Leafa, Clinton, and Orin, the latter of whom is deceased.

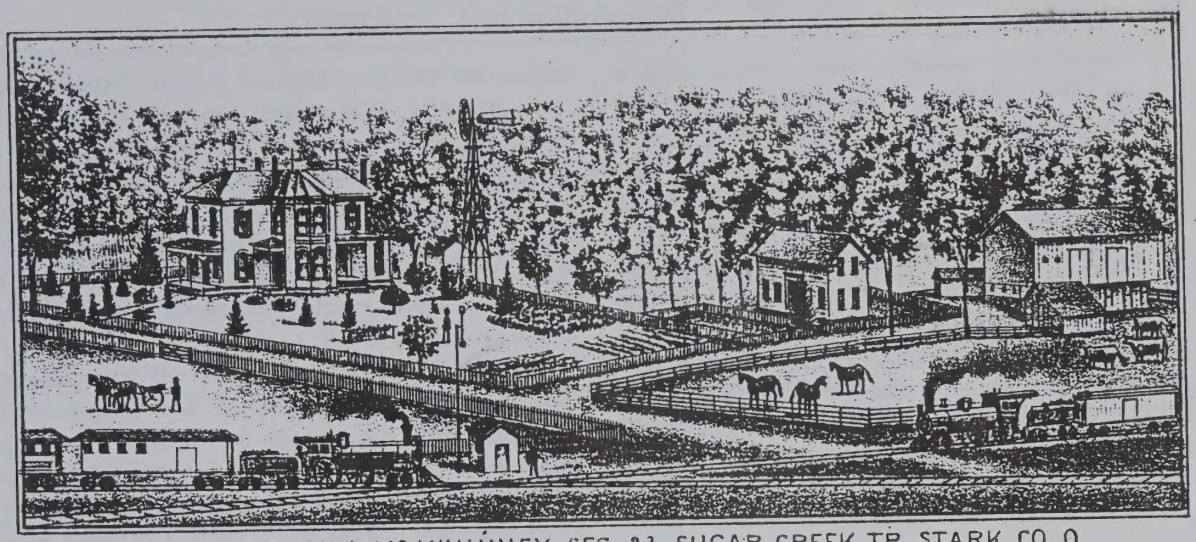
In 1874, Mr. Meyer came to Stark County, with whose interests he has since been actively identified and now ranks among its most prosperous citizens. His pleasant estate comprises one hundred and fifty-seven and three-fourths acres of valuable land, upon which are to be found the latest improvements in the way of buildings and machinery. He is now serving as Clerk of the School Board of his district, and in his political relations is a stanch member of the Democratic party. He is a man of sensible views, sound common-sense and industrious habits, which is perhaps the secret of his present high standing in the community. Religiously, he is a member of the German Reformed Church.

JOHN McWHINNEY. When a man is known to have experienced many trials, and to have labored hard to make his way in the world, it is a source of gratification to his friends to know that he has succeeded in reaching a height that enables him to take life very easy. This is the case with the gentleman above named, whose ability to make money has been abundantly illustrated, and whose career should encourage others to renewed energy, as it is not luck, but pluck, that has brought him a competency. He fought bravely during the late war as a soldier in the Army of the Cumberland, and is now numbered among the prominent tillers of the soil in Sugar Creek Township.

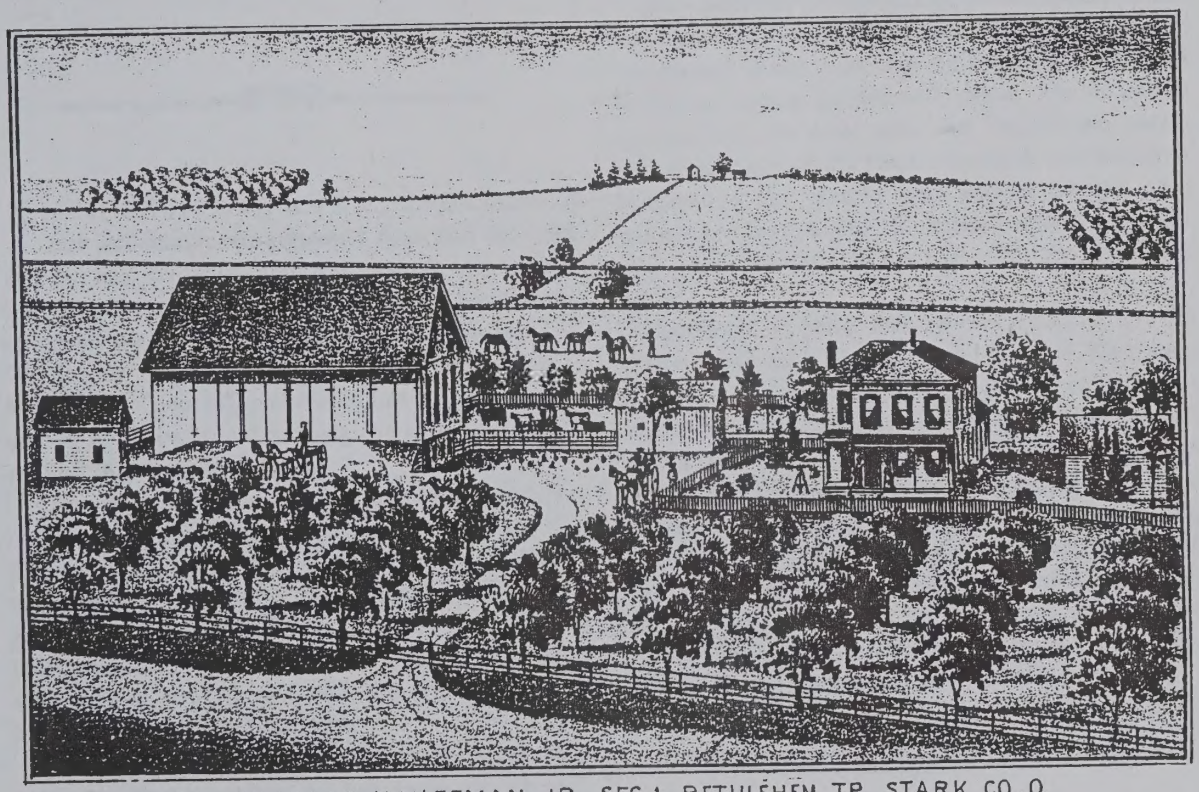
Our subject is a native of this county, his birth having occurred June 13, 1835. His parents were John and Nancy McWhinney, the former a native of the North of Ireland, while the latter was born in Pennsylvania. John McWhinney, Sr., emigrated when a young man to the United States, and in 1829 came to this county and made a settlement on the farm where our subject now lives. He located with his family on this tract of land, making a home in a rude log cabin, while he worked with persistence to place his land under cultivation and supply his home with comforts. By his marriage with Miss Nancy Wholf, he became the father of five children, of whom three are living, viz.: Mary J., the widow of John Welty; Margaret, the widow of Christian Kaylor, and our subject. The husband and father departed this life in 1863. His earnest character, benevolent disposition and kind heart endeared him to all whom he met, but his loss fell heaviest on her by whose side he had walked for many years, and to whose interests he was devoted.

Our subject can remember when Stark County was a sparsely settled wilderness and plenty of deer and wild game abounded. He attended the pioneer schools, where he obtained such an education as was offered, and was only a boy when he commenced to work with his father. September 1, 1861, on the outbreak of the late war, he enlisted in the Union army and became a member of Company F, Nineteenth Ohio Infantry, while his regiment became a part of the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in all the battles incident to the Atlanta campaign, and during the siege of that city received such injuries as occasioned his discharge, July 22, 1864. When he returned home at the close of a soldier's life, he resumed farming, and has been prospered in his operations, becoming the proprietor of two hundred and thirty-two acres of land. His estate is well developed, embellished with a good substantantial farm house, barns, granaries, etc., and is supplied with farm machinery and stocked with domestic animals of good breeds and grades. In recognition of his services during the war, the Government awards to our subject a pension of $8 per month.

October 9, 1861, Miss Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Samuel and Susan Hall, became the wife of our subject. Her parents were early settlers of Sugar Creek Township, where they were representative citizens and well-to-do in this world's goods. By their union, Mr. and Mrs. McWhinney have become the parents of six children: Carrie E., Sterling J., Cullen H., Columbia V., Minnie H. and Jessie N. For four years, our subject served as Trustee of his township, and his military and



RESIDENCE OF JOHN Mc. WHINNEY, SEC. 23., SUGAR CREEK TP., STARK CO., O.



RES. OF ISAAC KAUFFMAN JR., SEC. 1., BETHLEHEM TP., STARK CO., O.

civil record is highly honorable, and we are pleased to give this brief pen picture of it in this work.

The gentleman of whom we write has taken an active part in the meetings of the United Brethren Church, of which he is a member, and has served for some time as Trustee, Steward and Class-leader of that body. Socially, he is a Grand Army man, a prominent Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is a typical representative of the progressive agriculturists, and by his integrity and unimpeachable character enjoys the full confidence of the people. He carries on mixed farming and manages his affairs so well that, though he began life with limited means, he now occupies a front rank among the farmers of this county.

ISAAC KAUFFMAN is a fine representative of our self-made, self-educated men, and the work he has accomplished has placed him among the well-to-do, intelligent farmers who have borne so prominent a part in building up the State of Ohio. He is at present residing on section 1, Bethlehem Township, where he has a good estate, and in addition to cultivating the soil, is engaged extensively in stock-raising.

Like many of the best citizens of this section, our subject was born in Somerset County, Pa., February 21, 1847, and is a son of Isaac Kauffman, also a native of the Keystone State. His great-grandfather, who was a native of Switzerland, came to America in 1684. Isaac Kauffman, who was a well-known and honored resident of his native place, died in 1886.

He of whom we write was reared to farm pursuits, which occupation he has made his life calling, and an account of his successful career to those who peruse this biography may afford encouragement to many young men who are just starting out in life with no other capital than an enterprising and persevering spirit and a good capacity for steady labor. Mr. Kauffman is a man of good, sturdy, common sense, rare judgment and fine business tact. He is well-informed, having been a great reader all his life, and from books and observation has obtained a good practical education.

Our subject came to this county in 1867, and began working out by the month on farms, receiving as remuneration for his labors $20 per month for about eight months in the year. He was thus employed for about eight years, and when ready to establish a home of his own was married, in October, 1873, to Miss Sarah, daughter of Samuel Masters of this county. To them have been born two children, Clara E., who was born December 21, 1874, and Laura E., who was born May 31, 1878.

Mr. Kauffman of this sketch is the owner of one hundred and four acres of land which his industry has placed under excellent cultivation, and from which he reaps a handsome income. In his political relations, he votes with the Republican party, and is in favor of all measures which are intended to improve the county and elevate society. He has always been active in school affairs, and for two years served as a member of the Township Board.

September 4, 1864, our subject enlisted in the Union army and became a member of Company K, Two Hundred and Sixth Pennsylvania Infantry, being mustered in as a private. He saw much active service as a member of the Army of the James, which was under the command of Gen. Butler. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, June 26, 1865, Mr. Kauffman returned home and has since been engaged in cultivating the soil. Socially, he is a member of the Grand Army Post at Navarre, and as a member of Miller Post No. 270 served as Quartermaster-Sergeant.

LEVI STUMP. Few, if any, of the residents of Stark County have been citizens thereof for a longer period of time than he of whom we give this biographical sketch. For many years he resided here as an interested

witness of the advancement and growth of the county, which has been transformed by the energetic pioneers and their descendants so as to bear not the slightest resemblance to the original dreary and unoccupied tract of land.

Mr. Stump was born April 29, 1825, to Frederick and Margaret Stump, who were ranked among the old settlers of Stark County, this State. On the organization of Stark County, in 1809, the territory on which Mr. Stump then resided was included in Canton Township, where it remained until 1814, when Mr. Stump, Sr., aided in organizing the new township of Perry. The subject of this sketch, like Hamlet, might well claim that he was a native and "to the manor born," a distinction of which he might well be proud; he was one of a family of eleven children, all of whom were natives of the same township, except the eldest, Daniel Stump, who is now deceased, and who resided at Columbus, Franklin County. During his residence in Stark County, the latter was a merchant and Justice of the Peace in Bethlehem Township. The family of Frederick Stump, besides Daniel, were Catherine, who was married to Samuel Smith, of Canton Township, a widow; Eve, who was married to Barnabas Allman, of the adjoining township of Bethlehem, now also a widow; Frederick, a minister of the Reformed Church, now deceased; Adam, also a minister of the same church, and also deceased; Elizabeth, who married Adam H. Baughman, is a widow, residing in Perry Township, Stark County; Louis, also deceased; William, who was a minister of the Reformed Church, now deceased; and one other son, who died in infancy.

A brief sketch of the elder Mr. Stump will not be deemed out of place here, as he was one of the sturdy pioneers, the recollections of whom furnish the straggling beams of history that serve "to point the moral and adorn the tale" of Perry Township's early organization. He was born on the 7th of June, 1781, in Bethel Township, Berks County, Pa., in the stormy period of the Revolution, and, with his parents, when quite young, removed West to Letterkeney Township, in Franklin County, and married there in 1806. After his marriage, he came to Stark County, prospecting for a home site. When he arrived at what he regarded as a proper stopping-place in the unbroken forest, on the borders of civilization, there being a land office at Steubenville, in Jefferson County, he entered at that office the southeast quarter of section 28, in the 9th range, in 1806, three years before the county was organized, and eight years previous to the organization of the township, on which quarter-section Dr. James Leeper now resides; the southeast quarter of section 27, in the same range, he purchased of James F. Leonard, who had obtained it by entry at the land office. At that time there was but one cabin where is now the populous and growing city of Canton, and that was known as Cruson's Tavern. On the 28th of April, 1808, he brought his family into the township. Then there were but few houses in Canton, and but three white families resident upon the territory now embraced within the township lines. Indians were abundant, but peaceable. He paid $18 for the first barrel of flour, and $22 for the first barrel of salt, he used in the family, both of which were brought up the Muskingum and Tuscarawas Rivers in canoes. Pittsburgh and Steubenville were the nearest market places for trade and milling, and Mr. Stump thought it a privilege when, fifteen years later, a market was opened at Cleveland, and he could, with a four-horse load of wheat, obtain a side of sole leather and a barrel of salt to "even up." For weeks he and his family lived on potatoes, relying on the "shadowy future" as an earnest of better times.

Politically, Frederick Stump was a Democrat. By a comparison of dates, it will be seen that his political character was formed during the bitter contest that at last resulted in the election of Jefferson over Burr, by the United States House of Representatives in 1801, and he became a voter in the second year of Jefferson's administration. The political principles he then espoused, he clung to during his entire life. It may well be said of him: "He was a Democrat of Democrats, brought up at the feet of the political Gamaliel of that era, who proclaimed that all men were created equal, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." His religious ideas were in unity with the Reformed Church, of which he be-

came a member in early life, and continued until his death; he was life-long prominent in the affairs of the township, and it may well be said of him, he aided essentially in causing "the wilderness to blossom as the rose."

Levi, the son, subject of this sketch, was married to Miss Margaret Roush, also a native of Perry Township, on the 19th of March, 1847. She was the daughter of Frederick and Anna Maria (Haflegh) Roush, natives of Dauphin County, Pa., who emigrated to Perry Township in the year 1828. They were of the sturdy Pennsylvania-Dutch element, to which the whole county of Stark is so much indebted for its prosperity. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Stump became the parents of thirteen children: Victoria O.; Gassendi married to Hannah Gerber; Frederick W., a minister of the Reformed Church; Anna M., married to Charles Kocher; Ada A.; Levi B., married to Melissa Hildreth; Margaret I., James O., Ira E., Samuel O. (deceased), Rosa C., Margie V. and Benjamin F. Squire Stump, in his political tendencies was a Democrat, but not an "ultra-Democrat." In religion, he was a member of the Reformed Church. "These things he had kept from his youth up." He served the township as Justice of the Peace, for twenty years has held the office of Notary Public; and as a draftsman of deeds, mortgages, etc., he served his neighbors on all occasions when called upon. He was, however, at the head of his profession as a farmer, horticulturist and pomologist, being the first in Perry Township to make small fruits a specialty, and in this he was eminently successful. He served as Vice-president and Director of the Stark County Agricultural Society for sixteen years, and at his death was President of the County Horticultural Society. His life of industry and careful study of his profession, together with prudent economy, brought him a competence which enabled him to live in elegant style, and as a gentleman farmer took rank among Stark County's best.

Mr. Stump at his death left an estate of one hundred and sixty-seven acres of land, which is well-improved with first-class buildings of every description and all the appliances for carrying on a first-class estate. He departed this life May 19, 1883, and was greatly mourned by a host of warm friends. He was a prominent member of the Reformed Church, in which denomination he filled the position of Deacon and Elder. He was very liberal in his contributions toward its support, and took an active part in all good works. Mrs. Stump is also a member of the Reformed Church, and spends her time in doing good to others. She shows a splendid judgment in the control and management of her property, and while possessing rare executive ability, also has those pleasant social qualities which give her a high place in society.

GEORGE W. TRUMP, a retired farmer, residing at No. 89 East Third Street, Canton, was born on the 8th of October, 1846, in Stark County, and is a son of George J. and Rachel (Weaver) Trump, who were also natives of this county. The grandfather, John Trump, was born in Pennsylvania, and became a pioneer of this community in 1806. The following year, George J. was born, January 4, 1807. In 1829, he married Rachel Weaver, who was born March 20, 1810, and was the youngest of four sons and six daughters. Her parents, Valentine and Elizabeth Weaver, were both born near Hagerstown, Md., and at a very early date they started in wagons for Ohio, camping out along the wayside at night. They endured all the hardships and privations incident to the settling up of a new country, and the Indians were their neighbors. They easily secured deer and honey, which they exchanged for powder and lead in those early days. The parents of Mrs. Trump were interred in a private burial-ground on the old farm. In her girlhood days, the mother of our subject learned to spin, weave and sew and do general housework and also attended the district schools. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Trump located on a farm near Canton, two and one-half miles east of the city, where the former carried on general

farming. He also operated a sawmill and furnished ties for the Pittsburgh & Ft. Wayne Railroad Company, in the years 1851–52.

Unto this worthy couple were born thirteen children, six of whom are living: Sarah, wife of M. Gibbs, of Findlay, Ohio; Lydia, wife of Dan Smith, of Canton Township; Lavina, wife of John M. Barnett, of Canton Township; Isaac, who lives in Polo, Ill.; William, who lives in Medina County, and George W., our subject. The father of this family died February 5, 1881. He was a man of excellent business ability, clear-headed and judicious, and accumulated a handsome estate. He resided in Canton from 1853 until he died. The mother is still living. She is well known in this community and is a most estimable lady.

George W. Trump, whose name heads this sketch, spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm and was educated in the district schools and in Canton. On attaining his majority, he began farming on his own account on land which is now partially within the city limits. This farm is still his property and is now rented. It is a valuable tract, underlaid with a stratum of fire clay, limestone and coal and furnishing excellent material for brick-making. He continued to engage in the cultivation and improvement of his land for many years, and being a practical and progressive farmer was quite successful.

May 19, 1870, Mr. Trump was united in marriage with Miss Susan Myers, the youngest daughter of Isaac and Helena (Miller) Myers, who were among the early settlers of Stark County, removing from Pennsylvania to Ohio. Her parents are both deceased. Four children were born unto our subject and his wife, but all died under the age of ten years. Their names were respectively Emma Rachel, Carrie Belle, Lewis, and an infant unnamed; the three eldest children died within two months of diphtheria. This worthy couple continued to reside upon the farm until 1891, when they removed to their present place of residence. In politics, Mr. Trump is a stalwart Republican, doing all in his power to promote the interests and insure the success of his party. He served as a member of the City Council from the Fourth Ward. He is a public-spirited and progressive man and has the best interests of the community at heart. His life has been very successful and he now owns considerable property within the city limits and farming lands.

MARTIN LABBE is the owner of an excellent little farm of eighty-eight acres on section 13, Lawrence Township, but notwithstanding its somewhat limited dimensions it is so admirably tilled that it yields a larger income than many more extensive farms. He has spared no expense in draining and improving his place and has erected substantial and commodious buildings. A native of Germany, born October 7, 1830, he possesses all the characteristics of that race of people: prudence, foresight, honesty and industry. His father, Wendlin Labbe, a German, was a shoemaker by trade and successfully followed that calling until he attained his seventy-third year. He was married to Margaret Balsar, who died at the age of seventy years. Their marriage resulted in the birth of six sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to mature years, married and reared families. Only six of the family are now living, two of whom still reside in Germany and the others in the United States.

Martin Labbe was the second child born to his parents, and at the age of twenty-two years crossed the Atlantic ocean to America in search of a fortune. After six weeks spent in New York City, he came to Stark County, Ohio, and at once began following the trade of shoemaking, which he had learned in his native land, and was thus soon enabled to pay off the debt which he had contracted by coming to America. During the first three years of his residence in this country, he worked for others, at the end of which time he came to the conclusion that more money could be made by working in an establishment of his own, and with this end in view he opened a shop, which he conducted with success for about thirty years in Canal Fulton. In 1882, he purchased the farm on which

he is at present residing, and up to the present time has followed agricultural pursuits with unflagging energy and industry. He does a general farming and stock-raising business and this calling has proven very congenial to his tastes.

He has been married twice, the first time in January, 1856, to Miss Caroline Burkmyer, who was a native of Switzerland, but came to Stark County, Ohio, at the age of fifteen years. She was called from life in 1868, having become the mother of seven children, three of whom survive: Catherine, Emma and William. Mr. Labbe's second marriage was to Miss Mary Eva Gill, also a native of the "Fatherland." Although they have no children of their own, Mrs. Labbe is devoted to her step-children, their interests and welfare being paramount with her. She is an estimable woman in every respect, and she and Mr. Labbe have a large circle of friends. Mr. Labbe has always espoused the principles of Democracy and his vote is cast for the men and measures of that party. He and his family are worthy members of the Catholic Church of Canal Fulton and are liberal in the use of their means in its support.

N. K. BOWMAN, proprietor of a saw and planing mill and lumber yard at North Lawrence, Ohio, has a representative establishment, and his stock will bear favorable comparison with any similar house in the trade. During the time that he has been in business here, he has become known and appreciated as a man who devoted his entire time and energies to the task of faithfully conducting his business on correct principles, and his patronage is therefore large.

Mr. Bowman was born in Stark County, Ohio, October 6, 1856, his parents being Samuel S. and Margaret Ann (Kibler) Bowman, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, and when a child was brought by his parents to Stark County, Ohio, where he married and began following the trade of a carpenter. Being a skilled workman, his labors were prospered and he eventually found himself in fair circumstances. The paternal grandfather, Adam Bowman, was a German, who came to the United States when a young man and settled in Pennsylvania. He was married on the steamer that brought him to this country and about 1830 settled with his family in the Buckeye State, in time becoming a well-to-do farmer of Stark County. The maternal grandfather, Jacob Kibler, was born in Virginia.

N. K. Bowman was the eldest of thirteen children born to his parents, twelve of whom are now living. His boyhood days were spent in a rather monotonous way, but in the meantime he succeeded in imbibing a thorough knowledge of the common branches and at the age of nineteen years he entered upon the duties of a school teacher, which occupation he followed during the winter months for about ten years. During the summer, his attention was given to carpentering, and by following these occupations he succeeded in accumulating sufficient means to enable him to engage in his present business in 1887.

Our subject carries a large stock of lumber and is extensively engaged in the manufacture of windows, doors, sashes, etc., and keeps in constant employment about fifteen men who thoroughly understand their duties. In connection with this business his attention is given to building and contracting, and he has shown himself perfectly capable of handling every department of his work successfully. He manufactures "Becker's Patent" washing-machine, as well as pickets for fences, and keeps constantly on hand a large stock of lime, cement, etc. He carries a large and varied stock, and receives a most liberal share of public favor. Public-spirited, liberal-minded and generous in disposition, and active, intelligent, energetic by nature, his career has been successful and honorable and promises to continue so. He is in every respect the architect of his own fortune, for he began his business career without means or influence and is now in independent circumstances.

In February, 1883, he was married to Miss Catherine Lawrence, a native of Wayne County, Ohio but reared in Stark County. They are the parents of three daughters and two sons: Charles L.; Una C.;

Mabel; Leroy D., and Edna M. Mr. Bowman is a member of the order of Adelphia and President of the same. He is a member of the United Brethren Church and gives freely of his means to its support. June 23, 1889 his establishment burned down without any insurance, but he at once rebuilt. He has a fifty horse power engine. He has now taken in as partner, D. F. Mock and is building an additional establishment for the manufacture of barrel-hoops, handles and a general variety of turning works and buggy and wagon spokes.

ADAM RODOCKER. This highly-esteemed pioneer and well-known citizen of Stark County, residing in Tuscarawas Township, has throughout his entire life been prominently connected with the best interests of the county. A witness of the progress made since the days when dense forests occupied the site of now flourishing cities, and rolling prairies displayed, so far as eye could discern, no trace of human inhabitants, it has been his pleasure to watch the changes made by the passing years, and contribute, as far as possible, to effect the wonderful transformation.

Born May 31, 1821, our subject is the son of Frederick and Barbara (Oberlin) Rodocker, natives respectively of Cumberland and Lancaster Counties, Pa. His ancestors on both sides were of German origin, and were represented in this country at an early day. Adam Oberlin, his maternal grandfather, is said to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War and a valiant defender of his country. About 1805, the father of our subject removed from the Keystone State to Ohio, where he resided for two years in Columbiana County, and thence came to Stark County. He settled north of Canton, in the midst of the woods, and remote from any other settlers. The usual hardships attending pioneer life fell to his lot, but with great courage he surmounted every obstacle and became the owner of a well-improved farm. In his death, which occurred in 1849, the county lost one of its most enterprising citizens.

The parental family consisted of eight children, only two of whom survive, Adam, and Sarah, the widow of Philip Bowers. The mother of these children died in 1849, four days after the decease of her husband. Adam Rodocker was reared to manhood in Stark County and has always resided in Tuscarawas Township. His education was gained in the log schoolhouse near his home, but was limited to a few studies, and his knowledge has been mainly self-acquired.

The first marriage of our subject was with Catherine Zartman, and they became the parents of a large family of children, of whom the following survive: Angeline, wife of Theodore Culler; Samuel, Henry; Melissa, who married Jackson Reese; William; Melinda, wife of Orlando McFerrin; Peter, Fernando and Clement. August 17, 1882, Mr. Rodocker was married to Mrs. Melinda Miller, an estimable lady who was born in Virginia, the daughter of Daniel and Anna Fultz.

Politically, Mr. Rodocker is a stanch adherent of the principles of Democracy. In educational matters, he is especially interested, and has served with efficiency as School Director. He is a member of the Perry Grange at Massillon, and well known for honesty and integrity in business circles. The Lutheran Church counts him as one of its most active members, and he is always relied upon to contribute his influence and means toward the advancement of religious enterprises.

JOHN W. HARTZELL. Canton is the home of a large number of enterprising business men, whose sturdy ambition and keen foresight have been the means of promoting the material welfare of the city. Their labors have resulted in the advancement of the place, until it now ranks among the best cities of the State, a city of wealth and commercial standing, no less than

educational and religious prominence. A list of the prominent men must necessarily include the name of Mr. Hartzell, who, although still a young man, has attained to success in his chosen profession.

Born in Adams County, Pa., December 4, 1852, our subject is the son of Henry and Mary L. (Johns) Hartzell, natives of the county in which his eyes first opened to the light. In the spring of 1853, they removed to Ohio and located in Stark County, where the father carried on the trade of plasterer and brick mason, his farm being six miles south of Canton. The mother passed from earth in 1875, and his father closed his eyes to the scenes of time in 1892. They were worthy and upright and their children hold their memory in reverence.

The parental family consisted of five sons and one daughter, as follows: John W., Charles H., James D., Elden E., Franklin, and Frances K., wife of Joseph Howerstock, of Stark County. The one in whom we are particularly interested was about six months old when he came to Stark County with his parents, and his education was received in the country schools. He learned the trade of plasterer and brick mason with his father, in whose employ he worked until eighteen years old. Later, he worked for parties in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and other places. Since 1880, he has been doing contracting on his own account, and has his residence and shop at No. 276 Navarre Street, in Canton. In the erection of many of the finest buildings of the city, he has been interested, and among others took the contracts on the Dannemiller Block, the Liberty Schoolhouse, the residences of J. Eberhardt and C. Sherrick, the Odd Fellows' building, and numerous other structures. His position is one of prominence among other contractors of the city and county, and he has gained an enviable reputation as a reliable workman.

The pleasant home in which Mr. Hartzell resides, and which he purchased by means of his unaided efforts, is presided over by his amiable wife, to whom he was married in 1876. She was Miss Ida M., daughter of Christian Sherrick, and is a lady whose many noble attributes of character have won for her the regard of all her acquaintances. Three children have blessed the union: Nora L., William A., and Clarence S. Mr. and Mrs. Hartzell are prominent members of the Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church, and contribute generously of their time and means to the aid of all worthy projects. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist.

LOUIS A. LOICHOT holds the office of Auditor of Stark County, having filled the position since September, 1890. He was born in the village of Harrisburgh, in this county on the 12th of March, 1861, and was the second of four sons whose parents were Louis and Catherine (Simon) Loichot. His father was a native of France and his mother was born in Switzerland. When young people, they emigrated to the United States, and coming to Ohio, were married in Stark County, in 1857. After their marriage, they removed to Minnesota, where they remained for several years, and then took up their residence in the village of Harrisburgh. At this time, Mr. Loichot was Postmaster of Harrisburgh, holding that position for several years, and was Assessor of Canton for some time. He proved faithful to his duty, as his retention in office well indicates.

We now take up the personal history of our subject, who was reared to manhood under the parental roof and began his education in the common schools. He afterward entered the graded schools of Toledo, where he pursued his studies for three years, and subsequently returning to Canton, he entered the school of this city. Later, he entered Saunders' Business College and his education in the school room was there completed, but by subsequent reading, experience and observation, he has added largely to his fund of knowledge and is a well-informed man, conversant with all of the leading questions of the day.

On leaving school, Mr. Loichot engaged in clerking in a dry-goods store for one year, after which he entered the employ of the Isaac Harter

& Son's Bank as Collector and Teller, remaining with that institution for a period of thirteen years as one of its trusted employes. In 1889, he was elected County Auditor, and in September, 1890, entered upon the duties of that office, which he discharges in a manner reflecting credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. In politics, he is a stalwart Democrat, having supported that party since he attained his majority. He resides at No. 338 North Cleveland Avenue, where he has a handsome frame dwelling with all the modern improvements. Mr. Loichot is a wide-awake and enterprising young man, public-spirited and progressive and a valued citizen of the community.

JOHN WHITMYRE. For many years, or since his location in this county, the reputation which Mr. Whitmyre has has been not only that of a substantial and progressive farmer, but of an honorable and upright citizen. He was originally from the Keystone State, born in Cumberland County, near Newville, on the 23d of February, 1811.

Our subject's father, Philip Whitmyre, was also a native of Pennsylvania and was born near the Susquehanna River. The grandfather, Michael Whitmyre, it is supposed was a native of Germany. Philip Whitmyre reached mature years in his native State and was married, in Cumberland County, to Miss Elizabeth Bowers, a native of Pennsylvania, where she was reared. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Whitmyre located near Shippensburgh and there he followed the miller's trade for twenty-one years. He brought his family to Stark County about 1825, at a time when the country was wild and unsettled, and located in Lawrence Township on the farm where our subject now resides and bought one hundred and sixty acres, paying about $900 for the tract. There were a few improvements made on this, about five acres being cleared, and Mr. Whitmyre began at once to improve and develop the remainder. About 1852, he removed to Canal Fulton and there his death occurred about 1872. He was a man of industry and enterprise and one of the pioneers of Stark County. His estimable wife died about 1862. They were the parents of three children, two daughters and a son, all of whom grew up, married and became the heads of families.

John Whitmyre, the eldest of these children, was about fifteen years of age when he came with his parents to Stark County, and the education begun in his native State was finished in Manchester, Summit County, Ohio, where he remained two years. After this, he assisted his father in clearing the farm of the heavy timber with which it was covered, and being the eldest child, he took charge of the farm and business at the age of twenty-eight years. He has remained on the farm ever since, and has displayed unusual ability in the management of the same. With care and perseverance he has attended to his adopted calling, and with energy and thoroughness his successful results have been reaped, until now, past the age usually allotted to man, he is in possession of a competence fully sufficient to warrant him in passing the remainder of his days in peace and comfort. He was married, in 1839, to Miss Catherine Luts, a native of Jackson Township, Stark County, and he brought his bride to the old homestead.

The following children were born to this union: Simon, of Jackson Township, this county; Polly, deceased; Jacob, who resides with our subject; William, in Jackson Township, this county; Charles and George, of Canal Fulton; Sarah, at home, and Rufus, of Newton County, Ind. Our subject has resided on the old homestead ever since his residence in the county and has increased the original one hundred and sixty acres to one hundred and ninety. He now owns eighty acres in Jackson Township, twenty-four in the corporation of Canal Fulton, twenty on section 13, Lawrence Township, and thirteen acres on section 1, Lawrence Township, thus making three hundred and twenty-seven acres of good land with improvements. He is still engaged in agricultural pursuits and gives his personal attention to his large

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farm. In politics, he is a stanch Democrat and his vote has ever been cast with that party. Honorable and straightforward in every walk of life, he has the respect and esteem of all acquainted with him.

LEWIS SLUSSER, M. D., a retired physician residing in Canton, was born on a farm which is now within the corporation limits of this city, January 21, 1820, and is a representative of one of the oldest families of Stark County. His grandfather, Philip Schlosser (for so he spelled his name) came to the county in 1805, with his family of five sons and five daughters, all of whom are now deceased. Philip Schlosser was the first County Commissioner of Stark County, and held the office several years before the county was organized. Indians were then quite numerous in the neighborhood, but the white settlers were few, and Canton consisted of about a half-dozen log cabins, but only two were then occupied. He built the first gristmill in the county, on the site which was occupied by the East Canton Mill, which he operated for some time.

A sawmill erected the previous year by Philip Schlosser was operated by his son, John Slusser, the father of our subject, who was then only sixteen years old. The entire responsibility rested upon him. He not only had to attend to the wants of the customers, but had to keep the mill in repair, and occasionally assisted the millwright when working on the gristmill. He was born in Cumberland County, Pa., September 9, 1790. While engaged in milling, he also acquired considerable skill in the use of wood tools, and as there was no cabinet-maker in the neighborhood, would often make dough trays, tables and cupboards for the emigrants, and thus drifted into cabinet-making. In the War of 1812, he enlisted, at the age of twenty-two years, but during the service was taken seriously ill. However, he served out his full term of enlistment.

Mr. Slusser married Nancy, daughter of Philip Dewalt, who came from Center County, Pa., to Canton, Ohio, in 1808. After their marriage, they located on a tract of land which is now within the city limits and which was given Mr. Slusser by his father. He built a frame dwelling and a shop, and in connection with farming followed cabinet-making for a number of years. In 1825, he exchanged his property for the two-story brick residence of John Webb in Canton, and soon afterward turned his attention to merchandising. He rode on horseback to Philadelphia to purchase a stock of goods. He was successful and accumulated considerable capital, which he invested largely in Western lands. In 1842, his first wife died leaving seven children. The following year, Mr. Slusser married Mrs. Catherine Whitman, who died in 1879. He passed away in 1859, honored and respected by all. He had held a number of the township offices of trust and was a member of the Methodist Church. Prominent and influential, he was a leading citizen and was held in the highest esteem.

Dr. Slusser is the second son and third child in the family of seven children, five of whom grew to mature years. His boyhood days were spent in Canton, where he attended the public schools for a time. He afterward entered Jefferson College in Cannonsburgh, Pa., where he pursued his studies for three and a half years, when on account of failing health he returned home He then went South to Georgia, and after having recovered taught school in that State for about five years. In the meantime, he began the study of medicine with Dr. Ramsey, of Wilkes County, Ga., and after three years took a course of lectures in the National Medical College, of Washington, D. C., after which he returned to Canton, and engaged in practice for two years under instructors. He then entered the Ohio Medical College, of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1848. Dr. Slusser began practice in 1849 in Canal Fulton, where he remained until the breaking out of the War in 1861. In 1858, he was elected a member of the State Legislature and served two terms, during which time he was Chairman of the Committee on Benevolent Institutions, which inspected the Blind, Deaf and Dumb and Imbecile Asylums, also the Reform School. When a member of the Assembly, he was instrumental in securing the passage

of the bill providing for the appointment of a medical board of examiners to pass upon the fitness of surgeons for the army.

In 1861 the Doctor entered the service, being appointed Surgeon of the Sixth-ninth Ohio Infantry. He was afterward made Medical Director of the brigade and subsequently of the division. During his service he was joined by his wife, who gave him efficient aid until her health failed her. She did not rally and passed away in Nashville, Tenn., in 1863

After his regiment was mustered out, Dr. Slusser accepted a commission in the Fourth Army Corps as Surgeon of the Twenty-sixth Ohio Infantry, then rendezvousing in New Orleans. He was afterward sent to the Mexican border, where he remained until November, 1865, when, with his command, he received his discharge and returned home. Locating in his native city, he resumed general practice, which he continued until 1873, when he was elected Medical Superintendent of the Cleveland Insane Asylum, which position he resigned in 1876, and again entered upon the practice in Canton. To his profession he then devoted his energies until 1889, when a paralytic stroke disabled him for work for some time. He now devotes his time to writing, and is collecting reminiscences of Stark County history which he purposes publishing some time in the future. No one is more capable of doing this work, for he has resided here for seventy-two years and is a representative of one of the oldest families of the county.

Dr. Slusser was twice married, his first union being with Miss Sarah, daughter of Dr. Joseph Pierce. Her death occurred in 1863, as before stated. He afterward married Helena Ricks, a sister of Judge A. J. Ricks, of the United States District Court and a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. Unto them have been born five children, but two daughters only are now living: Georgia, at home, and Lucile, who is attending school in Norwalk, Conn.

The Doctor's life has been a successful one as viewed from financial and other standpoints, and he owns several pieces of good property in Canton. He helped organize the Old Settlers' Association of Stark County, and has served several years as its Secretary, which office he is holding at this writing. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Society. In politics, he has been a lifelong Democrat. Few men are more widely known in Stark County than our subject and none more favorably so. He is spoken of in the highest terms by all; old and young, rich and poor alike esteem him for his many excellencies of character.

JOHN A. ROACH, M. D. The profession of a physician carries with it the highest responsibilities, and exacts of its followers the most laborious study and earnest research, if they would keep step with the rapid strides that are being made in all its varied departments. Amid "the pestilence that walketh by noonday" they are called to go, and the brightest and most illustrious examples of courage have been recorded of their faithful performance of duty.

Among the physicians who are diligently pursuing their chosen profession and making a name for themselves among the foremost men of their calling, prominent mention belongs to Dr. Roach, of Alliance, who, although only in the prime of life, has already become widely and favorably known for skill in his profession. His father, J. B. Roach, M. D., has for thirty-two years been a practitioner and is still actively engaged in professional labors at Alliance, where he is numbered among the leading physicians and surgeons, as well as one of the enterprising citizens and upright men of the city.

The son of Dr. J. B. and Delila (Ashbrook) Roach, our subject was born in Augusta, Carroll County, Ohio, December 5, 1858, and was reared to manhood in the place of his birth. His literary education was obtained in the public schools of Carroll County, and at the age of twenty years he commenced the study of medicine, which he carried on under his father's direct supervision. After continuing in that way for some time, he entered the Western Reserve Medical College, of Cleveland,

Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in 1884. Prior to entering the medical college, he had engaged in teaching school for five years and was thus enabled to pay his own expenses through school.

After graduating, Dr. Roach located for the practice of his profession at Sherodsville, Ohio, where he remained two years and gained a good practice in the community. In 1887, realizing the need of a wider field for his professional labors, he came to Alliance, where he opened an office and has since remained in practice. He is well adapted to his chosen profession, and through skill, wide knowledge and devotion to his work, he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice.

In 1880, Dr. Roach was married to Miss Maggie A. Dunlap, of Salineville, Ohio, and they are the parents of one child, Rhea. They hold membership in the Disciples Church and have hosts of friends, who, one and all, wish them a continuance of happiness and prosperity. The Doctor is identified with the Knights of Pythias and is a charter member of Sherodsville Lodge. He is identified with, and Physician of, the American Mechanics' Association, Equitable Aid Union, and the Mutual Life Benefit Association of Newark. In addition to this, he is Physician for the Mutual Reserve Fund Company, of New York; the Fidelity, of Philadelphia; an insurance company of Michigan, and the Provident Life and Trust Company.

WILLIAM H. BECHER, M. D. The professions are worthily represented in Stark County, not only by the numbers, but by the natural talents, acquired skill and knowledge of those who are engaged in them. The flourishing towns and villages are the centers from which the influence of the culture and practical ability of doctors, lawyers and ministers radiates over the country and reaches out hands of healing to body, mind and souls. Two miles south of North Industry is located the office of Dr. Becher, to whom many look for aid when they are ill. He has been engaged in active practice in that place for twenty-three years and is often called to the city of Canton to see patients.

Our subject was born in this county, near Sparta, July 17, 1848. His father, Henry Becher, was a native of Pennsylvania, as was also the grandfather, who was of German descent, representatives having come to this country during the Colonial days. Grandfather Becher emigrated to Ohio in early pioneer times and was one of the first residents in Tuscarawas County. Later, he came to Stark County, and died in the city of Canton at the age of eighty years.

Henry Becher is still living and is engaged as a prosperous farmer in Canton Township. He was married, in 1840, to Miss Barbara Collins, a native of this State, and to them were born three children, viz.: Hiram S., who was engaged in farming and teaching school in Medina County, this State; our subject, and Simon, who resides with his father in Canton Township. The wife and mother departed this life December 8, 1890, and, like her husband, was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. The father of our subject, prior to the Civil War, was Democratic in politics, but at the present time votes with the Republican party.

William H. Becher of this sketch resided on the home farm until ten years of age when, with his parents, he removed to Dallas County, Iowa, where they remained for three years, and at the expiration of that time resided for two years in Henry County, Ill. Then returning to his native county, our subject attended High School in Canton, and when sixteen years of age entered the college at Mt. Union, where he spent one term. After that, he began teaching school in this county and was thus engaged in Pike and Canton Townships for five terms. Having determined to follow the profession of a doctor, he began reading medicine with Doctors Walker and Gans in 1866, and soon after entered the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, where he studied assiduously for three years, and in 1869 was graduated from that institution.

After receiving his diploma, Dr. Becher located where he is at present residing, and at once began

to build up the practice by which he is extending his reputation, having a greater number of calls each year as the residents of the surrounding country become better acquainted with him and more confident of his knowledge and skill.

Prior to his graduation, Dr. Becher, April 28, 1864, was united in marriage with Miss Sabilla Apley, who was born in this county in October, 1845. The two children born of their union bear the respective names of Winfield and Webster. Mrs. Becher died April 18, 1879 and the lady whom the Doctor chose as his second wife was Miss Olive Guest. The lady was born December 28, 1861, in Pike Township, and the ceremony which made them one took place, October 21, 1880. Mrs. Becher possesses a cultured mind, a sympathizing heart, to which is added the housewifely knowledge which is necessary for all who would make their homes attractive and comfortable. The year of his marriage, the Doctor erected a large frame residence which is furnished with all modern conveniences and is one of the very finest in the township. It is located on quite an elevation, thus commanding an admirable view of the surrounding country. Although the Doctor devotes the greater portion of his time to his profession, he also has various outside interests, among which is a valuable farm of eighty acres, which is located one-half mile east of his home and which under careful cultivation is made to produce bountifully of the various crops to which the soil is adapted. On this tract of land is located a coal mine, which Dr. Becher has worked for the last fifteen years, and as the result of his labors in that direction, has been handsomely rewarded.

Dr. and Mrs. Becher in religious belief are members of the United Brethren Church. Our subject began practice with a debt of $70, but by strict attention to business and careful investments, he is now classed among the wealthy citizens of Pike Township. His fine practice gives him so much to do, both in its actual labors and in the continuous study which he keeps up, that he does not care to hold public office, but during elections votes the straight Republican ticket. He is quite expert with his rifle and for the past ten years has been a member of the Canton Gun Club and in this way takes recreation. He is a large stockholder in a clay mine located at Sparta, Ohio, which employs fifty men in the manufacture of hollow-tiles and paving brick. The capital stock is $120,000.

PHILIP SONNHALTER, ex-Superintendent and Treasurer of the Massillon Central Coal Company, is one of the most thorough-going, wide-awake business men of the county, and one of its most esteemed and valued citizens. Like many of the prominent men of the county, he is of foreign birth, born near Saarbrucken, Prussia, Germany, on the 8th of January, 1843. His father, John Sonnhalter, was a native of the same place, and there learned the trade of contractor and mason of his father, who had followed that all his life. John Sonnhalter was married in his native country to Miss Catherine Luxemburger, who was also a native of Germany. In the spring of 1855, he came with his family to America, and located near Akron, Summit County, Ohio, where he cultivated the soil until his death. The mother died in 1856. Of the five children born to them, only three now survive. John died in Massillon, being killed while opening the Pigeon Run Mine, of which he was Superintendent. Catherine, Mrs. Burgess, resides in Summit County; Mary, Mrs. Brandt, resides in Brookfield; Philip, our subject. George, who enlisted in the Seventy-sixth Ohio Infantry, in 1864, and served until the close, died at Brookfield.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were passed in his native country, and he attended the common schools of the same until October, 1855, when he left Hanover on the vessel "St. Johns," and was thirty-three days on the ocean. He landed in New York City, but came with his parents to Summit County, where he assisted his father on the farm until 1859, and attended the common schools during the winter. At the last-mentioned date, he came to West Brookfield, and went to work

in the coal mines as a miner, with pick and shovel. There he worked until September, 1861, when he volunteered in Company H, Thirty-seventh Ohio Infantry, and was mustered in at Cleveland. He was sent South, and participated in the battle of Princeton, after which he was promoted to the rank of Corporal. He was afterward in a number of skirmishes in West Virginia, and then joined Gen. Grant at Napoleon. He was also in the battles of Haine's Bluff, Champion Hill, Black River and siege of Vicksburg. He was then taken sick and sent home on furlough. Six weeks later, he returned to his regiment at Bridgeport and was sent to relieve Rosecrans. He took a prominent part in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Atlanta, and others. He was mustered out at Larkinsville in the fall of 1864. He was in the Georgia campaign, the battles of Resaca, Dallas, and all the engagements in which his command took part, and was within ten feet of McPherson when that general was killed. His corps broke the line of the siege of Atlanta, and was the first corps at West Point. His time of service expiring, he was honorably discharged on the 23d of September, 1864, and came home. He was a faithful and gallant soldier, no braver one ever treading the red sod of a battlefield. His clothing was riddled with bullets, his comrades fell all around him, but he faced to the front and was never known to falter.

After peace was declared, he entered the coal mines for the Rhodes Coal Company, and was thus engaged for one year, after which, in 1866, he engaged in mining for himself in Summit County, near Clinton, where he leased two mines. These he conducted for four years, meeting with fair success.

In 1870, he came to Massillon, was Superintendent of the Crawford Coal Mines for a year, and afterward Superintendent of the Rhodes Mine for three years. During the year 1879, he organized a company and ran a mine for one year, after which he sold out, and in 1880 he organized the West Massillon Coal Company as Manager, and also organized another mine near Brookfield. He sold out four years later, and organized the Massillon Central Coal Company, of which he was the Superintendent and Treasurer, J. G. Warwick, President, and W. K. L. Warwick, Secretary. In addition, the firm discovered the big field they are are opening now, and are doing an immense business. Our subject has leased his interests in the Upper Pigeon Run and Warwick Coal Mines. He resides on West Tremont Street, Massillon, and is prominently identified with all enterprises of importance.

Our subject was married in Massillon on the 15th of November, 1864, to Miss Mary C. Eberly, a native of Alsace, France, who came with her parents to Stark County, Ohio, when but four years of age. Seven children are the fruits of this union, as follows: Mary, Mrs. Heiman, of Brookfield; Cecelia is now teaching school in the county; Annie, at home; Philip J. is attending St. Vincent College, Westmoreland County, Pa.; Adam F., Gertrude and Ernest H., the last three at home. Our subject is a member of Hart Post No. 134, G. A. R., and in politics he is a strong Democrat. He holds membership in the St. Joseph Catholic Church, and is a member of the Board of Trustees and the Building Committee.

GEORGE STOVER. In preparing this brief outline of the life of George Stover facts appear which are greatly to his credit. His intelligence, enterprise and integrity, as well as many other estimable qualities, have gathered about him numerous friends, and have won for him a well-deserved popularity. He was born on the farm where he now resides on the 13th of December, 1838, a son of Samuel Stover, who was originally from the Keystone State, born in Centre, on the 16th of August, 1813. The father continued to make his home in Pennsylvania until about ten years of age, when he came with his parents, George and Catherine (Danner) Stover, to Stark County, Ohio. They located where our subject now resides, on a wild tract of land with no improvements, and there the grandparents received their final summons, the grandfather dying in 1867, and the grandmother in February, 1875.

Samuel Stover became familiar with the arduous duties of the farm at an early date, and was married in Greentown, Stark County, Ohio, to Miss Margaret Krichbaum, who was a native of that county. After this union, they located in Lawrence Township, this county, on section 1, but after a short residence there, moved to the farm where our subject now lives, and cultivated the soil there until 1841. From there they moved to Greentown, located on a farm, and there the mother died on the 6th of August, 1841. Afterward, the father returned to Lawrence Township, and there died on the 19th of October, 1888. Both were worthy members of the Lutheran Church. Only two sons were given them, William, who resides on section 11, Lawrence Township, and our subject.

The original of this notice was reared in his native place, and his first scholastic training was in the district schools of Lawrence Township and when he attended at Canal Fulton two winter terms. For five terms following this, he was in Oberlin College, Lorain County, Ohio, and then returned to the farm. He taught for three winters in the district schools of his county and one term in Summit County, during this time making his home with his grandparents on his present farm. During the summer months he was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was not married until thirty years of age, and he then selected his life companion in the person of Miss Louisa J. Beardsley, their nuptials being celebrated on the 20th of January, 1869. She was born near Akron, Summit County, Ohio, January 29, 1842, to the union of Talman and Temperance (Spicer) Beardsley.

Following his marriage, Mr. Stover located on his present farm, and there the births of his four children occurred, three sons and one daughter, as follows: William B. (deceased); George P., at home, attending school; Harry W., also attending school; and Clara B., deceased. Our subject is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in the old homestead and fifty acres on section 11, all under cultivation, and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He is thoroughly familiar with every detail of this occupation, and has been unusually successful. He is a Democrat in politics, but held the position of Trustee for two terms in a Republican township. For seven years he was Trustee of the Fairmont Children's Home of Stark and Columbiana Counties, and was a member of the School Board of his district for a number of years. Socially, he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, Elliott Lodge No. 514, of Canal Fulton, and was a member of the Grange at that place for nineteen years.

JOHN F. ROTH, who is one of the foremost farmers and stock-raisers of Northeastern Ohio, having large landed interests in Canton Township, is classed among those men of force, intelligence and ability, who have been instrumental in developing the county into a rich agricultural center. He represents one of the early pioneer families, and though not a native, has passed nearly the whole of his life here, and is now spending his declining years on a beautiful farm on section 22.

Like many of the best residents of this county, our subject was born in York County, Pa., December 10, 1825, and is the son of Frederick Roth, who also hailed from that place. Grandfather Roth was a native of Hessen, Germany, and during the Revolutionary War in America deserted the army of his native country and emigrated to the New World. Here he was married and became the father of a family of four sons and two daughters. He was engaged in farming, and at the same time carried on a small store on his farm, thus supplying the settlers with the necessities of life. He was widely and favorably known in this locality, and here he and his good wife died.

Frederick Roth was a farmer in Pennsylvania, and in May, 1831, moved his family and household effects overland by means of a four-horse wagon to this county. He purchased his present farm, which then contained a log house and barn, and about seventy-five acres of which were partially improved. He and his wife shared in the experiences of that early date, and received such schooling in

sturdy habits of the early settlers, that they were prepared to push their own affairs to a successful issue. The father, who was a member of the Trinity Church, died when sixty-one years of age. He was a sound Democrat in politics, and was regarded with good-will and esteem by all his neighbors and friends. His wife, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1789, was, prior to her marriage, Miss Magdalena Simons; she reared a family of eight children: Susan, Peter, Jessie, John, Abraham, Frederick, Francis and Magdalena. The wife and mother, who was also a member of the Trinity Church, died at the age of seventy-two years.

He whose name heads this sketch was a lad of seven years when he was brought by his parents to this county, and remembers well the incidents of the overland journey. He is familiar with the greased-paper window lights which took the place of glass in the old times, as well as many other contrivances by which dwellers on the frontier "made shift" without the conveniences of life. When twenty-one years of age, he began to do for himself, at which time he was married, in February, 1846, to Miss Rachel Bender, by whom he became the father of three children, of whom the two living are Susan and Rachel. The wife died four years later, at which time our subject disposed of his farm and stock and. going to Canton, was manager of a warehouse for about five years. In 1851, he married Catherine Bair, and of the thirteen children born to them, eight grew to maturity: Cyrus, John, Edwin, William, Frank, Adeline, Melissa and Katie. Mrs. Roth died in 1874, and the lady whom our subject chose as his third wife in February, 1877, was Mrs. Sarah (Cobaugh) Sailor.

Mr. Roth returned to his farm in this township in 1856, and has at the present time one hundred and sixty-three acres of very productive land. He is engaged in mixed farming and stock-raising, and conducts his business in a systematic manner, and after the most approved modern methods. His present large frame barn, which was erected in 1848, was remodeled in 1875, in which year his large brick residence was built. He has made many valuable improvements on his estate, and the grounds around his residence are tastefully laid out, and the place, as a whole, is one of the most attractive and desirable in this part of the county.

Mr. Roth is a member of the Trinity Church, with which he has been connected for many years. Not only have his labors increased the wealth of his township, but his wisdom and practical good sense have made him of use in the management of public affairs, and he has been Trustee of his township for several years. He has also served as a member of the School Board for twenty-eight years in succession, and in whatever capacity he has acted, has ever had an eye to the best interests of the community. Although reared a Democrat, he now gives his allegiance to the Republican party. He has been prominently connected with the Stark County Agricultural Society for fourteen years and has filled all the offices with the exception of Secretary. He is also a charter member of Canton Township Grange, and of the County Grange.

JACOB ECKROAD. Many of the native sons of Stark County are already making their mark as efficient citizens, successful farmers and men of business, and among these there are none more worthy of our mention than he whose name we have just given, who was born February 26, 1843. He is at present engaged in cultivating a fine estate in Tuscarawas Township, and is one of the progressive farmers of this section.

Joseph and Elizabeth (Singley) Eckroad, the parents of our subject, were natives of Schuylkill County, Pa., and emigrated in 1833 to this county, making their first location in Lawrence Township. There they made their home for many years, and were ranked among the very earliest settlers of that region. Of their large family of children the following survive: Henry; Susannah, wife of

Lewis Kittinger; Catherine, Mrs. David Gilker; Jacob; Mary, Mrs. Samuel Albright; Joseph F.; Charles; Etta M., Mrs. B. Weygandt; and Cora B., Mrs. Alfred Shook. The father of these children, who had been three times married, departed this life September 16, 1882, and in his death the county lost one of her best citizen He was a Republican in politics, and kept himself well informed on the issues of the day. He was stanch and true in his allegiance to the religious faith in which he was bred, that of the Lutheran Church, of which he was a member. His wife, who still survives him, makes her home in Wayne County, this State. He was during his life closely connected with the interests of Tuscarawas Township as a farmer and land-holder, and was one of the well-to-do citizens.

Mr. Eckroad, of this sketch, received his education in the common and High Schools of his native county, and was carefully instructed in all kinds of agricultural work on the farm where his boyhood days were profitably and pleasantly spent. Through long years he has witnessed the growth and development of this county, and has taken just pride in its progress, and has ever borne his part in the promotion of those enterprises calculated to advance the general welfare. With the exception of five years spent at the machinist's trade, Mr. Eckroad has always followed the occupation of a farmer, and by hard and persistent labor and exceilent business tact has surmounted all obstacles and is now one of the prominent farmers of his section.

Our subject was married June 22, 1865, to Miss Mary, daughter of Peter and Catharine Weygandt, early settlers of this county, and now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Eckroad have been born seven children, namely: Joseph C., who is a talented musician; Guy C., Elden H., David H., Arden J., Jesse W., and John H. Our subject owns seventy-four acres of land, which he has placed under cultivation and adorned with all necessary buildings. He has filled the office of School Director for six years, and for a twelvemonth was Chairman of the Tuscarawas Board of Education. He takes an active part in local politics, and is prominently identified with the progress of the Republican party in this section. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church, and he is held in respect by all as a good citizen and a most estimable man, whose life record is honorable and worthy of emulation.

PROF. VICTOR FREI. Music has well been called the divinest of arts. The power to comprehend, appreciate and interpret the productions of the great masters is one of the most valuable of gifts and should be sedulously cultivated by all. However rudimentary the musical faculty may be, it should never be permitted to lie dormant, and in view of the splendid opportunities for musical instruction that are afforded by our modern civilization, there can be no excuse for neglecting an art which does so much to brighten life and elevate character.

Canton is the fortunate possessor of an institution affording unsurpassed facilities for the acquisition of a finished musical education. This institution is the Canton Conservatory of Music, at No. 19 West Fourth Street, under the direction of Prof. Victor Frei, who has spared no pains to build up a school of music which will be a credit to the city, or, indeed, to any city in the land. An ardent lover of the divine art and one of its most enthusiastic disciples, his enthusiasm has powerfully contributed to the success of his efforts.

Prof. Frei was born in Rome, Italy, March 28, 1849. For a time his studies were pursued in his native city, and he is a graduate of the Royal School of Music in Munich, Germany. He was born with the gift of music, and so early in life was his talent exhibited, that when six years old he assisted as organist in a Roman Catholic Church in Switzerland. His literary education was received principally in the schools of Switzerland and Germany, and he was a professor of music in the Old World from his boyhood.

In 1882, Prof. Frei emigrated to America and located in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained

for eight years. Thence he came, in 1890, to Canton as Director of the Sixth Central Ohio Saengerfest, and exhibited such great musical talent that he was persuaded to make this city his home. He was elected Director of the singing society Concordia, one of the best choral societies of the State, and has since been closely identified with musical circles throughout this section of country.

The Canton Conservatory of Music is a notable institution of its kind, in which there are orchestra and chorus classes, and among the instruments taught are piano, violin, organ and violoncello, as well as composition and voice culture. There is also a department for elocution and foreign languages. The course of instruction is comprehensive, embracing all desirable branches designed to impart a cultured understanding of music as an art. At frequent intervals during the winter seasons, concerts are given, which are always highly enjoyable and prove the rapid progress made by the students at the conservatory.

Prof. Frei is the general agent for the Mason and Hamlin Organ and Piano Co., of Boston, and at the conservatory these justly celebrated instruments are used exclusively.

In 1889, Prof. Frei was married to Miss Consuelo de Varona, a native of Cuba, and they are the parents of one child, Edward Joseph Victor.

EDWARD B. BAYLISS. Among the active enterprises of a city like Massillon, the livery business occupies, necessarily, an important place, contributing, as it does, to the pleasure, convenience and actual necessities of the community. Among the most notable establishments of this class in the city is that conducted by Edward B. Bayliss, one of the representative citizens and popular business men of the place. He is a native of this city, born on the 24th of December, 1840, and here he passed his boyhood and youth. (For particulars of parents, see sketch of James Bayliss). He attended the first Union School in Massillon, and also the first one in the State, entering the school-room the first day, and completing the course. After this, he was agent for the old Union Line Express Company, then agent for the old Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad for four years, and subsequently was clerk for his brother in agricultural works for nine years.

About this time, he opened the Tremont House in partnership with Mr. Zielley, and called it the Zielley House, conducting it for thirteen months. Afterward, they rented the Transient Hotel, then known as Park Hotel, continued this part of one year, or until 1881, when Mr. Bayliss continued it alone. He was the proprietor for four years, and those who have had an experience of his warm hospitality will ever retain the most pleasurable recollections of this hotel and its popular proprietor. Mr. Bayliss brought to bear upon the management of this house a thorough knowledge of the wants and requirements of his patrons, and had a flourishing business. In November, 1886, he sold out and went to Meyer's Lake, where he rented the summer resort hotel, Lake Park, and conducted this with all his former ability and success for three years. It then changed hands, and our subject sold out.

About 1888, he decided that there was a good opening for the livery business in Massillon, and as he was not the man to allow such an opportunity to pass, he bought the livery business from Adam Volkmor, and has continued it very successfully since. As there are few features of metropolitan enterprises which contribute a larger quota to the convenience of the residential and transient public than the well-appointed livery stable, Mr. Bayliss has reaped a rich reward in the business, which he understands thoroughly. He is thorough-going and progressive, and is one who will succeed in whatever he undertakes.

Our subject was married in Massillon, in 1865, to Miss Carrie Zielley, a native of Canton, Ohio, and the daughter of Peter Zielley, who was a prominent horseman here. The fruits of this union are three children, who are in the order of birth as follows: Lydia, a graduate of the schools of Massillon; George, who lost both his legs on the Ft. Wayne

Railroad; and Walter, at home. Mr. Bayliss has been a member of the City Council two terms, and on different committees from the First Ward. He is now City Clerk of Massillon, and is discharging the duties of that office in a very efficient and capable manner. He is a faithful Republican in his political views, and is a public-spirited and much esteemed citizen. He is now residing on East Main Street.

JUDGE JACOB P. FAWCETT, Judge of the Probate Court, and a prominent and influential citizen of Canton, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Allegheny County, January 2, 1851, and is a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Pennypacker) Fawcett, both of whom were natives of the Keystone State. The father was a farmer, and died in Allegheny County when our subject was about fourteen years of age. The mother afterward removed to Mt. Union, Stark County, Ohio, with her family in 1866, and now makes her home in Canton.

The early boyhood days of our subject were spent on his father's farm. After coming to Ohio, he entered Mt. Union College, working as a farm hand during vacations, in order to secure funds to meet the expenses of the course. After graduating in 1871, he read law, and was admitted to the Bar in 1874. Entering upon the practice of his profession in Alliance, he there remained until August, 1877, since which time he has been a resident of Canton. For many years he has been prominently identified with political affairs, and has been honored with a number of offices. In 1876, he was elected Mayor of Mt. Union, and from 1882 until 1886 was a member of the Canton City Council, serving as President of that body the last year. The Republican party has found in him a stanch supporter, and he served two years as Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, and two years as a member of the Republican State Central Committee, doing good work. On the 23d of November, 1886, he was appointed Probate Judge to fill a vacancy, succeeding Judge Myer. At the next election, he was chosen to this office by a handsome majority, and is the present incumbent.

On the 6th of February, 1877, Judge Fawcett was united in marriage with Miss Jennie A., daughter of Hon. John H. Mitchell, United States Senator from Oregon. Their acquaintance was formed while students in Mt. Union College, and they have become the parents of four interesting children: Mattie E., Howard B., Ralph M. and John A. They reside at No. 57 High Street, where their pleasant hospitable home is always open for the reception of their many friends.

Socially, Judge Fawcett is a member of Lodge No. 266, I. O. O. F.; Canton Lodge No. 362, K. P., and of the Protected Home Circle. He is also President of the Republican Club of Canton. In the line of his profession, he has won success, and while practicing law secured a liberal patronage. In connection with legal practice, he became interested in other business enterprises, and is now President of the Canton Combination Lock Company, and Director of the People's Savings and Deposit Bank. As Probate Judge, his administration of affairs has won him high commendation, and one of the city papers speaks of him as one of the most efficient probate judges that Stark County has ever had. His experience eminently qualifies him for the position, and his uniform kindness, accommodating spirit, popularity, professional and business ability have stood him in good stead.

JAMES A. SAXTON, There is no inheritance so rich as the record of the worthy lives of those who have parted from this world and have gone to receive the reward which awaits them in heaven. We all have strivings after a high ideal, but an ideal alone is of little value if not re-enforced by the example

of those who, like ourselves, have human frailties, yet have been enabled to so overcome them as to lead lives of usefulness, integrity and true godliness. This gives us new courage to continue our own efforts and aids us in making a success of our lives in the highest sense of the word.

James A. Saxton was born in Canton, Ohio, on the site of the Saxton Block, and his parents, John and Margaret (Laird) Saxton, were natives of Huntingdon, Pa., the former born on the 28th of September, 1792, and the latter on the 18th of December, 1792. The great grandfather, George Saxton, was a native of England and an early settler of Maryland. John Saxton was an active participant in the War of 1812, and was a brave and faithful soldier. On the 3d of August, 1815, he was married at Huntingdon, and came to Stark County, Ohio, on horseback, he and his wife riding all the way. After reaching this county, he established the *Ohio Repository* and for many years was the editor and proprietor of this paper, which is now known as the *Canton Repository*. He lost his wife on the 28th of March, 1858, he himself dying April 16, 1871. They were the parents of nine children, eight sons and one daughter. Mr. Saxton built the Saxton Block in 1880, and at his death left a large estate.

For many years Mr. Saxton was the principal stockholder and President of the Stark County Bank, and he was also one of the early members of the Board of Education, and performed valuable service in that capacity. His character was actual and positive, upright and downright. His temperament was heroic, his will inflexible. He was an extensive and thoughtful reader, keeping abreast of current events; his conclusions were just and liberal and frankly and fearlessly expressed. His lot was cast in the field of action rather than in the field of meditation—of business and commercial enterprise. And here he was active, sagacious and daring; in all his dealings prompt, conscientious and decisive. He was not unduly elated by success, nor crushed by reverses of fortune, although subjected to both dangerous tests. His industry was tireless. He hated idleness and dishonesty, and said so with a blunt frankness and force that effectually rebuked them. When provoked and aroused, his anger was swift and stormy, but it left the air clear and redolent with the perfume of his better nature. He was earnest and sincere, and despised shams. He did not smile when he was not pleased, nor extend his hand when he was not friendly. He was without ostentation. He was warm and true in his friendship, a kind husband and indulgent father, a sturdy and public-spirited citizen, and works of quiet charity have made his memory sacred to many. In the midst of new plans and enterprises, with the burden of business interests resting upon him, surrounded by the objects of his life-long care and love, he paused a moment and fell asleep forever.

"No cold gradations of decay,
Death broke at once the vital chain."

RUBEN SNYDER is a practical and wide-awake member of the farming community of Bethlehem, where he is meeting with unqualified success in agricultural pursuits. He was born in Northumberland County, Pa., May 2, 1819, to Daniel and Susannah Snyder, who were also natives of Pennsylvania. The father is said to have been a soldier in the War of 1812 and was a farmer by occupation.

In the spring of 1828, Daniel Snyder accompanied by his family emigrated to this county and located in Bethlehem Township, making his home in a hewed log house, which he had erected on his farm. He devoted his entire time and attention to placing his land under good cultivation, and upon this he resided with his wife until their decease.

Ruben Snyder of this sketch received his education in the pioneer schools, and his early home training was such as to instill good principles and habits of industry and economy, which have been of value to him in his active life. Unlike many young men, he chose to remain with his parents until reaching his majority, helping them to the extent of his whole power in clearing five different farms. He was married October 16, 1843, to Eliza

Shretler and to them was born a family of six children, three of whom are living, viz.: Adeline, Mrs. O. F. Johnson; Alice, the wife of J. C. Keller, and Ohio; Daniel, Finley and John are deceased.

Mr. Snyder takes a warm interest in all that concerns the welfare of this section of country, is liberal in support of schemes to forward its improvement, and an active member of the Democratic party. He is also a member of the Lutheran Church at Navarre, in which denomination he has served as Deacon. His devoted wife, who proved such a helpmate to him in establishing a home in this county, departed this life October 18, 1891. She was a sincere and earnest member of the Lutheran Church, and wherever known was greatly respected for her kind heart and pleasant manners.

He of whom we write began the struggle of life without means other than a sound mind in a sound body, and with that capital has acquired a goodly amount of property. He is a sincere Christian gentleman and is truthful and upright in all his dealings.

BFULTON, a retired farmer and one of the county's most esteemed and worthy residents, first saw the light of day in Tuscarawas Township, Stark County, Ohio, on the 14th of October, 1825. It is supposed that his father, George Fulton, was a native of the green isle of Erin, although the grandfather, Benjamin Fulton, was a native of Scotland. The latter came to America at an early date, and after residing for some time in Washington County, Pa., located in Stark County, Ohio, where he bought one hundred and fifty acres of Government land. On this he passed the remainder of his days.

George Fulton, father of our subject, was one of six children born to his parents, three sons and three daughters, and was about twenty-one years of age when he first came to Stark County, Ohio. He remained under the parental roof until after his father's death, and then took charge of the old homestead. He married Miss Betsy Forsyth, a native of Ireland, who was but a little girl when she came with her parents to America. After this union, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton located on the old homestead, and there the father cultivated the soil until his death in 1852. Two years later, his widow followed him to the grave. They were the parents of five children, two daughters and three sons, as follows: Jane, Isabel, Benjamin, Robert and John.

The eldest son born to this union, Benjamin Fulton, was early trained to the duties of farm life in Stark County, Ohio, and his first scholastic training was in the log schoolhouse of pioneer days. In 1852, he was united in marriage to Miss Esther Smith, daughter of Samuel Smith, and a native of Monroe County, N. Y., born near Rochester, on the 1st of October, 1830. She was but two years of age when she came with her parents to Ohio, and was reared in Ashland County. After his marriage, our subject located on the old homestead, and there cultivated the soil successfully for six years. In 1858, he sold the place and bought a farm in Lawrence Township, section 33, which he still owns. There were about fifty acres cleared, and a log cabin and log barn adorned it. Mr. Fulton immediately began clearing the remainder of the farm, and with the assistance of his industrious and thrifty wife, soon had one of the pleasantest homes and finest farms in that section. The log house and log barn were removed for comfortable frame structures, and to the original tract was added enough land to make one hundred and seventy-one acres.

Concluding that he had contributed his share toward the improvement and advancement of the county, Mr. Fulton retired to a comfortable residence in Canal Fulton, after having resided on his farm for twenty-eight years. This was in 1886, and he and his estimable wife have since resided there. They are the parents of seven children, five daughters and two sons: Ester, born April 22, 1853, is the wife of Isaac Taggart, who is a banker in Massillon; Ellen A., born January 11, 1855, died February 12, 1859; Samuel W., born June 19, 1857, is a resident of this county; Jennie A., born December 19, 1859, died January 4, 1862; Ettie M., born August 30, 1862, is the wife of Alvin Kittin-

ger, of Canal and Fulton Streets, Massillon; Eva M., born June 26, 1867, is at home, and George B., born February 22, 1870. The latter is a graduate of the High School of Canal Fulton, also of Duff's Commercial College of Pittsburgh, Pa., and is now clerking in Canal Fulton.

Our subject handles a great deal of stock, buying and selling, and is doing a good business. In politics, he is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and is deeply interested in all political questions. He is well acquainted with Mr. McKinley. Mr. Fulton was elected Justice of the Peace, and has held other township offices. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and takes a deep interest in its working, as he does in all other worthy enterprises. He has been Trustee and Steward of the church.

JOSEPH H. DUMOULIN. The love of sweet things is the most natural appetite and as healthy as any other. Sugar and sugar candy, puddings and preserves, recommend themselves to the palate more by their delicious flavor than any other form of edible things. Very true, they are not suitable for sustaining life alone for a considerable period, but neither is any one of the proximate principles which constitute food. We should sicken or starve on starch, gluten, fat, albumen or sugar alone; but each of them is healthful in its place, as a part of a properly arranged diet. The American people, now the wealthiest, are rapidly acquiring the reputation of being the most luxurious people in the world. In their love of a rich diet they show their good sense, and their high living is reflected in the enormous amount of work, both mental and physical, they get through. It is for this reason that the manufacture of candies and fruit preserves has come to be one of the greatest industries of this country, and the establishments in this line rank in standing and extent of trade with any class of business concerns. One of the largest institutions of its kind in this section of the county is carried on at Canton, Ohio, by the firm of Bechel, Dumoulin & Co., manufacturers of and dealers in fine confectioneries, tobaccos, cigars, and grocers' sundries.

Joseph H. Dumoulin, a member of the above-mentioned firm and a live business man, was born in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, Germany, on the 13th of April, 1841. He was the eldest of six children born to Henry and Ann (George) Dumoulin, natives of the Old Country. The father was a merchant for many years and was a very successful business man. The boyhood of our subject was passed in his native village, and up to twelve years of age he received his scholastic training in the common schools. After this, he entered St. Louis College at Metz, where he spent four years, but subsequently went to Belgium, where he entered college in the city of Liege, and there pursued his studies for nearly four years.

In the spring of 1866, our subject sailed for the United States, landed in the city of New York, and from there went direct to Detroit, Mich., where he entered the schools, taking his place in a class with small boys. He commenced with his letters, and in a few months had acquired a good knowledge of the English language. From there he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he kept up his studies for a time, and from there to Louisville, Stark County, Ohio, where he began teaching school. This was the first employment he had had after locating on American soil, and the first money he had earned. He continued teaching for two years, and in 1863 he came to Canton, Ohio, where he secured a situation in the hardware store of Conrad Sweitzer, with whom he remained for nearly two years. He was afterward employed by C. Biechele & Bro., manufacturers of soap, in the capacity of book-keeper, and remained with this firm from 1864 to 1886.

In October of the latter year, Mr. Dumoulin formed a partnership with Charles P. and Henry J. Bechel, under the firm name of Bechel, Dumoulin & Co., and engaged in the wholesale confectionery, tobacco, cigars and grocers' sundries business in the Maline Block, at No. 93 North Market Street, where he remained three years.

But the business increasing, they were compelled to move to larger quarters, and bought a lot on the corner of Fifth and Piedmont Streets, where they built a three-story brick building, especially fitted for their large business. They have a large and varied stock, and keep three men on the road as traveling salesmen.

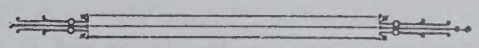
Mr. Dumoulin was married on the 8th of October, 1861, to Miss Mary V. Devoissoud, of Louisville, Ohio, who, although a native of Chamounix, was born at the foot of Mt. Blanc, France. Six children have blessed this union, three sons and three daughters. Mr. Dumoulin was a member of the City Council from the First Ward during the years 1890 and 1891, and was President of the Council. He has also been a member of the Board of Health several years, and is at present one of the Directors of the Canton Board of Trade. His residence is at No. 159 North Cleveland Avenue. Politically, he is a Democrat.

MATHIAS ERTLE. In mentioning those of foreign birth who have become prominent in their different callings in Stark County, Ohio, we should not fail to present an outline of the career of Mr. Ertle, for he is one who has fully borne out the reputation of that class of industrious, energetic and far-seeing men of German nativity who have risen to prominence in different portions of this country. He was originally from Bavaria, born on the 14th of March, 1828, and his father, Frederick Ertle, was also a native of that country. The elder Mr. Ertle was a stonemason by trade and followed that calling in his native country until 1832, when the advantages afforded by the New World tempted him to try his fortune on this side of the ocean. After touching American soil, he came direct to Massillon, Ohio, and in connection with his trade worked at contracting and building. He was a skilled workman and found plenty of employment. His death occurred when sixty-three years of age. He was married in his native country to Miss Regina Schanding, a native of Bavaria, who lived to be quite aged, dying on the 10th of May, 1889, when eighty-eight years of age. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Of the seven children born to this worthy couple, six are still living and three make their homes in Massillon, Ohio. Of these our subject was third in order of birth. He came to Massillon with his parents in September, 1832, after an ocean voyage of forty-six days, and in this city passed his boyhood and youth. He received but a limited education, only attending a few winters, but he was naturally possessed of a studious and well-ballanced mind and was mainly self educated. His early life was passed in assisting his father in clearing the farm and later he worked out on a farm until 1848, when he began learning the mason's trade under his father. He abandoned this in 1850, and being taken with the gold fever, he went to California. He made the trip via the Isthmus and was a long time on the voyage. After reaching the Pacific Coast, he was engaged for forty days in driving a team of two yoke of oxen, in hauling provisions from Sacramento to Kull's Ranch. After this he was engaged in prospecting for gold until 1851, when he went to Humbug Canon and prospected there until the fall, when he decided to return to the East. He returned via the Nicaragua route, and after reaching Massillon, he was in the warehouse of Mr. Ralston until the spring of 1853. After this he embarked in the grocery business on Main Street, continued this for four years, and then bought forty-one acres near the Bridgeport Stone Quarry. He farmed for nine years, but sold his place in 1864 and returned to Massillon, where he opened a meat market on Main Street. Later, he bought the property at No. 21 East Main Street and was in business for twenty years. He sold out to his son-in-law, but at the present time his son carries on the business. He built his present residence in 1872 at No. 63 North Mill Street and also owns the residence adjoining.

Our subject was married in 1854 to Miss Naburga Baumberger, a native of Switzerland, who was brought to America by her parents when but a

year old. She died on the 3d of January, 1892, and was a lady widely and favorably known for her many excellent qualities. She left seven children, who are named in the order of their births as follows: Fred, engaged in the meat business; Mary, Mrs. Sonnhalter, is living in Massillon; Louisa, Annie, Flora, George A. and Frances L.; all are at home but Mary and Fred. Mr. Ertle is Township Trustee for Perry Township, and is now filling his fifth year in that capacity. He is a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church and was one of the trustees when it was being built, and holds that position at the present time. In politics, he is a Democrat in national affairs. Mr. Ertle is one of the much esteemed men of the county, and is universally respected. After a long life of success and usefulness, he is now retired from the active duties of life, and is passing the remainder of his days in peace and plenty.



WILLIAM E. SEFTON is Secretary and Treasurer of the Princess Plow Company, of Canton, and is one of the prominent business men of that city. He has the honor of being a native of Ohio, having been born in the city of Norwalk, Huron County, on the 11th of February, 1842. His father, Thomas Sefton, was a native of Pennsylvania, and an iron mechanic by trade. He died in Rowsburg, Ohio, in February, 1892. His wife was, in her maidenhood, Jane Wyble. She was also a native of the Buckeye State and a daughter of Anthony Wyble, a farmer and early settler of Huron County, Ohio.

Mr. Sefton whose name heads this record spent the days of his youth in Ashland County, Ohio, and began his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. He aided in the labors of the farm and remained at home until 1860, when he was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade, but the following year he abandoned that work to enter the service of his country. He was assigned to Company G, Twenty-third Ohio Infantry, under Col. Rosecrans, and the regiment was attached to the Army of West Virginia. He participated in the battles of Carnifax Ferry, Clay Mountain, South Mountain, and many other engagements. His bravery on the field of battle and his meritorious conduct won for him promotion, and he was appointed Captain, a well-deserved honor. He served for three years, and on the expiration of his term was mustered out, in July, 1864.

On leaving the war, Mr. Sefton returned to his home and engaged in farming until 1872, when he turned his attention to other pursuits. For some time he engaged in the grocery business in Salem, Ohio, after which he became General Agent for C. Aultman & Co., traveling in different parts of Ohio. With that company he remained until 1885, when he resigned his position as General Agent to accept a position with the Princess Plow Company, of which he became a stockholder. He was soon afterward appointed Secretary and Treasurer, and at present is one of the principal stockholders and the General Manager of this extensive business. They engage in the manufacture of various kinds of plows, their sales are large and they furnish employment to seventy-five men. The main building of the plant is 200x250 feet, with one wing one hundred feet long, and another one hundred and twenty feet in length. Since Mr. Sefton has taken charge of the work, he has remodeled and systematized the buildings, until everything about the works is in good running order. He himself is not only a practical mechanic, but a skilled workman, and therefore very capable of acting as Superintendent.

On the 6th of February, 1867, Mr. Sefton married Miss Lucetta Faddis, of Enon Valley, Pa., daughter of Isaac Faddis. They have a pleasant home at No. 138 South Cleveland Avenue, and their union has been blessed with three children: Jennie, wife of R. A. Nichols; Edith and Harry, who are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Sefton exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party, and is quite prominent in its circles. He was elected a member of the City Council in 1889, and has served for the past two years, for one of which he was its President. He is Treasurer of the Republican League

of Ohio, and is well known to the prominent Republicans of the State. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment. Of the American Mechanics' society he is a member, and is a Comrade of Canton Post No. 25, G. A. R. Reared as a farmer boy, he determined to give his attention to other lines of business, and has worked his way upward until he not only ranks high in business circles but has attained a place among the substantial citizens of the community. His life has been well and worthily spent, and the confidence and good-will of all with whom he has come in contact have thus been gained.

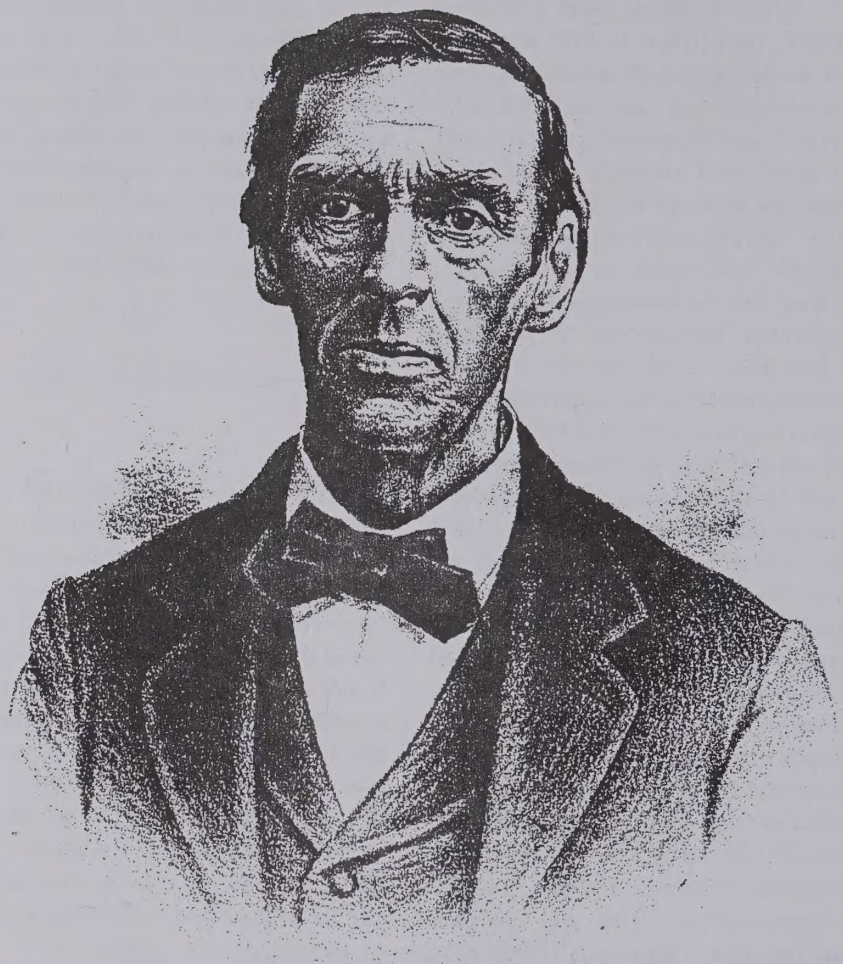
HORACE G. McDOWELL, Proprietor of the Pleasant View and Spring Hill Stock Farms in Plain Township, five miles north of Canton, and the world-famed breeder of the famous National Dickinson sheep, was born September 7, 1853, on the farm which is now his home. His father, James McDowell, was a native of Pennsylvania, his parents emigrating to that State from the North of Ireland, the family coming to Ohio in 1818. When a lad of fourteen, James was employed on the farm of William R. Dickinson, in Stark County, as a shepherd lad, and from that time until his death was connected with sheep. After two years, Mr. Dickinson remarked that, of all the men he ever had in his employ, none proved so faithful, or so worthy of advancement, as Mr. McDowell, and he gave him the exclusive general management of his herds. He afterward began business for himself with three sheep from Mr. Dickinson's flock. The last fifty-four years of his life were spent at his home, Pleasant View, where he was extensively engaged in sheep-growing. He continually improved the breed of his sheep, and no finer could be found in the world than those he owned. He made his farm one of the most valuable and beautiful in Ohio, and was recognized as one of the most prominent and influential citizens of this community.

When the father died, his work was taken up by his son Horace, who was reared and educated on the home farm. After attending the district schools he entered Mt. Union College, where he pursued a short course of study.

On the 14th of April, 1887, Mr. McDowell married Miss Nettie Huber, a native of Plain Township, and unto them have been born three children: James Huber, Thomas C. and Beulah May. They reside on the Pleasant View Stock Farm and their home is one of the finest in the county. The family ranks high in social circles.

At the age of fifteen, Mr. McDowell took the practical management of the farm, and has since been one of the leading sheep-breeders in this country. He has six hundred and forty acres of the finest-improved and most fertile land in Stark County. It is divided into two farms. The Spring Hill Farm comprises over two hundred acres, with double frontage on one mile of the west branch of Nimishillen Creek, which affords ample water supply for the stock. The Pleasant View Stock Farm comprises over four hundred acres, and is well watered by springs, while hydraulic machinery forces the water through the house, barns and to the watering-places. He carries on general farming, yet makes a specialty of breeding Short-horn cattle and National Dickinson sheep. To the latter business he has devoted his energies since 1882, and since that time has sold in thirty-three different States, including all the States west of the Mississippi River except Washington, Nevada and Oregon. His daily correspondence has become so large that it consumes nearly his entire time. Four men are continually employed upon the farm. A fine, large frame barn, and many other necessary outbuildings furnish shelter for his stock, and his commodious and elegant brick residence, which was built by his father in 1846, is located on the hillside in the midst of beautiful shade trees, and commands a fine view of the country to the south and east.

In 1885, Mr. McDowell purchased the controlling interest in the Farmers' Bank of Canton, and was its Manager for six years, but as his increasing stock business demanded his entire time, he was compelled to sell his bank stock in 1891. In poli-



Samuel Eschliman

tics, he was a Democrat until 1888, but on account of the free trade views of that party, he joined the Republican ranks. His wife is a member of the Reformed Church. As a business man, he is enterprising, practical and progressive, systematic and methodical, and, above all, is reliable. He has won excellent success in his undertakings, but it is merely the result of his own well-directed efforts.

SAMUEL ESCHLIMAN, who has followed farming throughout his entire life, is now a leading agriculturist of Lawrence Township, residing on section 33. He was born in Lancaster County, Pa., May 29, 1833, and is a representative of the honored early settlers of Stark County. His parents left their home in the Keystone State when our subject was a lad of four summers and took up their residence in this community.

Since that time Samuel has resided in the vicinity of his present home. The days of his boyhood and youth were spent in the usual manner of farmer lads and he acquired his education in the district schools of the neighborhood.

On the 15th of January, 1856, in Wayne County, Ohio, Mr. Eschliman was united in marriage with Miss Anna Martin, who was born in that county, November 4, 1833. The young couple began their domestic life upon the farm which has since been the home of our subject, and there reared a family of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters, as follows: Mary A., wife of Frank P. Zimmerman, of Lawrence Township; Fannie J., wife of Edward H. Hershey, of Lawrence Township; Sarah H., wife of Martin L. Hollinger, of Lawrence Township; Anna B., wife of Amos M. Horst, of the same township; David H., who married Barbara A. Kornhaus, of Wayne County, Ohio, is living in Tuscarawas Township; Susan B., deceased wife of Aaron M. Eblery; Elizabeth M., who died in 1869; Henry A. and Emily J. at home; Elmer S., who is attending school in Mount Union; Ida May and Samuel C., who are still under the parental roof. The mother of this family was called to her final rest June 19, 1888, and her death was mourned by many friends as well as by her immediate family, for she was an estimable lady held in regard by all.

When Mr. Eschliman located upon his farm it was partially unimproved, but with characteristic energy he began its development and has made it a valuable tract of land, its fertile fields now yielding him a golden tribute for the care and labor he bestows upon it. In his political affiliations, he is a Republican. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend, and he has done effective service for its advancement while serving as School Director.

The best interests of the community always receive his support, as he is a public-spirited and progressive citizen. He holds membership with the Mennonite Church and for fifteen years has served as one of its Deacons, and he also fills the office of Trustee.

His residence in Stark County covers a period of fifty-five years, during which time he has witnessed much of its growth and upbuilding and has aided in its development. He certainly deserves representation in the history of his adopted county.

In addition to his home farm our subject owns one hundred and seventy-seven acres on section 19, Lawrence Township, which contains a fine vein of coal, from which he receives a good income.

JOHN POLLOCK. The trade carried on in groceries is of very great importance, and constitutes a leading factor in the commercial fabric of the smaller towns and villages. It is a line of business requiring special qualifications of a high order, and only those possessed of these succeed in this somewhat precarious undertaking. Prominent among those engaged in this line of business in North Lawrence is John Pollock, who is also the efficient Postmaster at that place.

Mr. Pollock was born in the North of Ireland,

on the 20th of January, 1839, and his father, George Pollock, was a native of the same place. The latter followed the occupation of a farmer until 1848, when he removed to Scotland, and there resided until 1863, when he came to the United States, locating in Stark County, Ohio. In this State his death occurred when about seventy-two years of age. The mother of our subject was formerly Miss Elizabeth Mahan, a native of the North of Ireland, and died in Stark County at the age of ninety years. Three daughters and three sons were born of this union, all of whom married and reared families. All are now living but one.

Our subject was the youngest child in the parental family and was taken to Scotland by his parents when eight years old. In 1862, he crossed the ocean with them to the "land of the free," and equipped with a good practical education received in the Old Country, he branched out to make his way in life. He settled with his parents in Newman, Stark County, Ohio, and as he had followed mining in Scotland, he engaged in the same business after reaching this county. He removed to North Lawrence in 1868, continued his former business, and in 1872 was elected by the miners to serve as a delegate to represent the mining interests at Columbus. He was interested in this business until 1876, and was appointed by them as President of the Miners' Association, and was Assistant Secretary of the National Miners' Association for one year. He took a prominent part in the organization of the Miners' Union, and was interested in this until he was appointed Postmaster of North Lawrence. He was also elected Justice of the Peace. Later, he resigned the position of Postmaster, and entered the Railroad Mail Service, where he was engaged for four years, running first on the Pittsburgh & Indianapolis. Afterward, he was transferred from Canal Dover to Marietta, thence to Pittsburgh and Chicago, and from Pittsburgh to Crestline.

In February, 1890, he was appointed Postmaster in North Lawrence, and after locating here engaged in the grocery business, which he has carried on very successfully ever since. He is a member of Elliott Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Canal Fulton. Mr. Pollock was married in Scotland, to Miss Catherine Main, a native of Scotland, and the following children have been born to this union: George F., in the General Land Office at Washington, D. C.; Jeanette R., wife of Benjamin F. Clapper, of Dalton, Ohio; Elizabeth M., wife of Wallace Dixon, of Lawrence Township, this county; John J., of Alliance, this county; Robert A., attending school at Mt. Union; Jane D., at home assisting in the postoffice; Peter D. and Alice D., at home.

MATTHEW BAST, Vice-president of the Canton Stove Company, is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Canton. He was born in Steinfeld, Bavaria, Germany, on the 31st of August, 1848, and is a son of W. E. and Catherine Bast. His parents emigrated to this country in 1871, and located in Canton, where they still reside. The father has been a tailor most of his life, and is a finely educated man.

Matthew Bast, whose name heads this record, is the eldest of the family of six children. He was chiefly educated in his native land, and attended the public schools until fourteen years of age. At that time, he began learning the trade of a tailor, which he followed until he had attained his majority. On arriving at man's estate, he determined to seek his fortune in America, and crossed the Atlantic, landing safely in New York City. Thence he came direct to Canton, and worked at the tailoring business for three years. He then embarked in the grocery business, and two years later admitted to partnership two of his younger brothers, Michael and John Bast, under the firm name of M. Bast & Brothers. This connection was continued until 1888, when our subject sold out to his brothers. While engaged as a grocery merchant, he had built up a good trade, and made money rapidly. On selling out, he became a member of the Canton Stove Company, and on its organization was elected Vice-president, which position he still holds. He is now one of its extensive stock-

holders, and is also a stockholder and Director of the Champion Lawn Rake Company, of Canton. He also owns a good store building on West Tuscarawas Street, in which he is running a restaurant.

In the year 1872, Mr. Bast was married to Miss Mary Piero, daughter of Charles Piero, of Canton. By their union five children have been born: Mary, John, Charles, William and Edward. The family resides at No. 117 North Cleveland Avenue, and are highly respected citizens of Canton, where they have many warm friends and a large circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Bast has served one term as a member of the City Council, representing the First Ward. He has never been an office-seeker, however, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests, in which he has met with signal success. His prosperity is all the reward of his own efforts, and he is truly a self-made man, deserving all the praise which that term implies. He began life in this country empty-handed, and has worked his way upward until he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of the community and its prominent business men.

JOHN FREEMAN. This venerable gentleman is one of the early pioneers of this county, where he has made his home for a number of years, and he is now enjoying its peaceful comfort, retired from the hard labors of life, by which he developed here one of the fine farms for which the locality is noted.

Essex County, N. J., is the native place of our subject, and January 16, 1810, the date of his birth. His parents were David and Susan Freeman, natives respectively of New York State and New Jersey. When our subject was a lad of twelve years, he was orphaned by the death of his mother, and then began to battle with life on his own account. He was only three years of age when he was brought by his parents to Jefferson County, this State, where they were among the early settlers. After the death of his mother, young Freeman began working out on farms, and received his early education in the primitive log schoolhouse with its rude furnishings. He did much pioneer work in this county, and many were the privations and hardships he endured with his parents when locating here, and he aided them greatly in subduing the soil, bringing it to its present high state of cultivation and making the various improvements that have so greatly increased its value.

May 3, 1829, John Freeman and Miss Mary Scott, who was born in Scotland, December 22, 1812, were united in marriage. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tulley) Scott, who were also natives of Scotland. In 1818, when six years of age, Mrs. Freeman accompanied her parents on their emigration to America, they locating in the woods of West Virginia, where they made their home for two years, and thence coming to Washington County, this State, they lived there for three years, when they again returned to West Virginia and spent the following twelvemonth. At the end of that time, Mr. and Mrs. Scott again took up their abode in Ohio, this time making their home in Jackson Township, Stark County. The father was a shepherd in his native country, and on his arriving in this county took charge of three thousand sheep for Bazaliel Wells, an early settler and formerly a well-known citizen of this section.

Mrs. Freeman has two brothers living, John and William. She is, like her husband, one of the pioneers of this county, and with him entered upon the hard task of establishing their home in a new section and sturdily determined to conquer all obstacles. To them have been born the following children: Elizabeth, Mrs. Ambrose Whipple; Mary, the wife of George Ingold; Susan, Mrs. John Bailey; Jeanette Ann, Mrs. Gabriel Swihart; Agnes; Adelia, Mrs. John Swinehart; Arletta, the wife of Prof. Lester Nave; Oren and John.

Mr. Freeman, of this sketch, is a stanch Republican in politics and keeps himself well posted in all matters pertaining to his party. With his wife, he is a conscientious member of the Baptist Church and endeavors to put in practice the teachings of

that organization. Mr. Freeman has contributed his quota in bringing about the present high standing of Perry Township as an agricultural region of great productiveness, and as an old settler his name will ever be honorably mentioned in its history.

ABRAHAM SPONSELLER is a fine representative of the native-born citizens of Stark County who are now closely associated with its interests. He comes of a distinguished and well-known pioneer family, and is one of the principal farmers and stock-raisers in Canton Township, where he has extensive interests. He was born on the northeast quarter of section 25, in the above-named township, October 8, 1820, while his father, John Sponseller, was born in 1789, in Adams County, Pa.

Grandfather Frederick Sponseller was a carpenter during his early life, and was born in Pennsylvania, of German parents. After coming to Ohio, in 1802, he located in Columbiana County, where he entered a tract of land, on which he erected a log cabin and began the work of its improvement. Indians, as well as wild animals, were numerous, and bears often attacked the hogs of the pioneers. The grandfather lived and died there at the advanced age of eighty years. His wife, who lived to be about the same age, reared a large family of children, namely: John, Henry, George, Frederick, Andrew, Conrad and Julian. Religiously, the grandparents were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics, Frederick Sponseller was a Democrat.

The father of our subject, who accompanied his parents on their removal to Columbiana County, this State, there resided until reaching his majority, when he returned on foot to his native county in Pennsylvania, and there worked for two or three years. At the end of that time, coming again to this State, he was married in Washington Township, this county, March 28, 1815. He made his home on the northeast quarter of section 5, which was the property of his father, and besides being engaged in its operations was a member in a mercantile enterprise. He was very unfortunate in his venture, and was compelled to part with his stock in the concern and several hundred dollars beside.

Mr. Sponseller then determining to follow the occupation of a farmer, erected a log cabin on an uncultivated tract of land which he cleared, and at the same time worked out for other parties, receiving for his labor fifty cents per day. Like all the old settlers, he was subjected to many hardships and inconveniences, and was compelled to go to Cleveland to market his grain. Although a sufferer from rheumatism all his life, he was a very hard worker and successful agriculturist, owning at one time as much as thirteen hundred acres of land in Stark, Seneca and Wyandotte Counties. The property in the latter two counties he entered from the Government, and later divided the amount between his children. He was in all respects a man of excellent character, whose obliging manner and honest, straightforward dealings gained him the regard of all about him. He possessed foresight and sound common-sense, and was a very capable manager, so that his place was among the solid men of this township. He departed this life in 1874.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Catherine Herpster. She was born in Frederick County, Md., June 28, 1794, and came to this county with her parents, Frederick and Mary Herpster, in 1814, they locating in Washington Township. Her father was born in Baden Baden, Germany, and was a young man when he came to America, making his first location in Maryland. On coming to this section, he was one of the early settlers in the above-named township, and entering a tract of land from the Government, immediately began the arduous task of clearing it from the forest and brush, and placing it under good improvement. He owned an entire section of six hundred and forty acres of land, and was known throughout the county as a successful farmer, and his standing in the business world was of the highest, as his dealings were always conducted after the most honorable methods. He was bright

and wide-awake, and possessed true public spirit which favored any scheme that would in any way promote the advancement of his township. He was drafted into the Whiskey Rebellion during President Washington's administration. In April, 1814, he was married to Miss Mary Sharlows, and to them were born nine children. In religious affairs, Mr. Herpster was one of the influential members of the Lutheran Church.

Our subject was one in a family of eight children, namely: Frederick, Mary and Julia Ann, deceased; John, Catherine, Henry and David. The mother died at the advanced age of ninety years, nine months and two days. With her husband, she was a member of the Lutheran Church, and a most estimable and worthy lady. In his political relations, the father of our subject was a Democrat.

Abraham Sponseller received his first schooling in a log cabin with its primitive furnishings, and, in the intervals of study, assisted his father on the farm until reaching his majority. He then entered the schools of Canton, where he assiduously pursued a course of study, and has since added to the knowledge gained therein by systematic and useful reading. His marriage with Miss Elizabeth Stoner occurred April 15, 1847. Mrs. Sponseller was born in Pennsylvania, May 18, 1823, and reared a family of eight children: John H., George W., Samuel, William, Mary, David, Lucy and Augustus.

After his marriage, he of whom we write took up his abode on section 25, where he had fifty acres of land, and there resided until 1865. At that date he located on the quarter-section of land where he is at present residing, and which, with its well-tilled fields and neat appointments, is one of the most desirable farms in this part of the county. The residence is a well-built and attractive one, furnished in accordance with the tastes of its occupants, and displays the presence of refined womanhood in its arrangement. Mr. Sponseller also has on his place a large frame barn and all other outbuildings which are necessary to the successful prosecution of his calling. After consideration of the political questions that agitate the people, our subject gave his allegiance to the Democratic party, and stanchly supports its various measures. He is, however, independent on local issues. He has been called upon to serve in the responsible offices of Justice of the Peace and Township Trustee. Although reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, he is not a member of any religious body. His wife, who is connected with the Evangelical Society, is the possessor of many friends.

THOMAS VAN HORN. It gives us pleasure to place upon the pages of this volume a review of the life of our subject, who is one of the foremost farmers of this section of the State. He has been very successful in the acquirement of wealth, and as a progressive and enlightened agriculturist, is doing much to advance the farming interests of the county.

Our subject, who is pleasantly located on section 19, Canton Township, was born in East Township, Carroll County, this State, October 13, 1823, and is a son of Abraham Van Horn, who was born in New Jersey. His father, who also bore the name of Abraham, was a native of Holland, and on coming to America with his parents, prior to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, located in New Jersey, where he carried on his occupation of a farmer. Later, he removed to the Keystone State, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying at the advanced age of ninety-nine years, eleven months and eleven days.

The father of our subject, who also followed agricultural pursuits, was married in Pennsylvania, and in 1817, when making the trip to this State, was accompanied by his wife and one child. The journey was made overland with a team and wagon, and on arriving in Ohio, Mr. Van Horn made his home in that portion of Columbiana now included in Carroll County. There he purchased land, for which he paid $2.25 per acre, and on it erected the customary log cabin with clapboard roof, puncheon floor, and an open fireplace, which would accommodate a log six feet in length. He

became the owner of, and partially developed, one hundred and forty acres of land, which he sold in 1843, and moving further West, to Illinois, located in McHenry County, where he purchased a quarter-section of land and resided until his decease, which occurred in his seventy-fourth year. He was a man of sterling worth, who was looked upon with respect by his fellow-citizens. In religious affairs, he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and until 1860 exercised the right of suffrage in behalf of the Democratic party, when he voted for Abraham Lincoln and thereafter cast a Republican vote.

The lady to whom the father of our subject was married bore the maiden name of Sarah Reed and was a native of Pennsylvania. She was first married to John Rener, by whom she had five children: Benjamin, John, Jane, William and James. Seven children were born of her second marriage: Isaac, Elizabeth, Robert, Abraham, Thomas, Charlotte and Mary. The mother, who was an earnest member of the Christian Church, died when seventy-seven years of age, and her loss was keenly felt in the community, where she was active in all good works.

Thomas Van Horn, of this sketch, remained in Carroll County until eighteen years of age. He was reared on a farm and attended the primitive log schoolhouse, which was heated by a large open fireplace and lighted by four windows with nine 8x10 lights. When eighteen years of age, our subject began the battle of life in earnest, and coming to this county, served three years apprenticeship at the chair-making and painting trades. Returning soon after to Carroll County, in company with his brother Abraham he opened a shop, which they conducted for a year and a half, and at the end of that time our subject purchased the interest of his brother, and was thus engaged for three and one-half years on his own account. Then disposing of his shop and appliances, he again came to Stark County and lived on rented property for a twelvemonth, when, having saved a sufficient sum of money and selected a suitable location, he purchased eighty acres of land. On this property he erected a residence and necessary outbuildings, and there remained for fourteen years, or until 1866, when he traded that estate for a one hundred and sixty acre tract, where he is residing at the present time.

September 6, 1845, Thomas Van Horn and Miss Sarah A. Smith, who was born in this township, January 5, 1827, were united in marriage. A sketch of her family will be found in the biography of Joseph Smith on another page of this RECORD. Nine of the ten children that have come to her and our subject are living, namely: Elizabeth, Alice, Charlotte, Cora Bell, Thomas D., George E., Louis H. and Ida E. (twins), and Edwin W.

The lady who had been the cherished companion of our subject for forty-six years departed this life December 11, 1891. She was a most intelligent and lovable lady, whose mind and character made her a welcome addition to any circle which she frequented. She was one of those capable and enterprising women who found opportunity for neighborly deeds of kindness, and bore a part in benevolent enterprises and exercised a generous hospitality. She was a wise and affectionate mother and a loving wife, and her demise was felt to be a sad loss, not only to her family and friends, but to the community at large. She was a devoted and faithful member of the Christian Church.

He of whom we write is the owner of a valuable estate, comprising two hundred and forty acres of land, on which can be seen every indication of thorough tillage and judicious improvement. His handsome frame residence was erected in 1877, and is supplied with every convenience and comfort which are desired by people of refined tastes and ample means. His barn, which was built in 1871, is 40x100 feet in dimensions, and gives ample accommodation for sheltering cattle and large quantities of grain. He is engaged in mixed farming, and in the management of his affairs has shown sound judgment, unbounded zeal and an intelligent perception of all that goes to make up good farming. He keeps on his place good grades of all kinds of stock, and in that branch of agriculture has been very successful. Increasing means has not made him less kind and generous than he was in earlier days, but, on the contrary, he is noted for his hospitality and the liberal support he gives

to every good cause. For the past sixteen years, he has been a member of the Christian Church, and is not only earnest in his belief, but conscientious in the practice of the principles of Christianity.

Mr. Van Horn is a Republican in politics, and his worldly prosperity does credit to his ability and strength of character, as he began the labors of life without means. When his sons left him to establish homes of their own, he gave each of them $400 in money or property, and to each of his daughters $300. Personally, he is of a social and entertaining disposition, manifesting in conversation a lively interest in the leading topics of the day, whether political, financial or social. He is well known throughout the county, has the reputation of a man of strict integrity and enjoys the friendship of a large number of his fellow-citizens.

REV. E. P. EDMONDS, D. D. This name is a familiar one throughout the State of Ohio, as the figure of him who bears it is frequently met going about in pursuance of the high and holy duties devolving upon a servant of the Lord and a shepherd over one of his flocks. Rev. Mr. Edmonds is pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Canton, and devotes himself zealously to the work in which he is deeply interested, giving his entire time and attention to the promotion of the interests of his church.

Not only does he enter with his whole heart into those matters which add to the attractiveness and power of the church services, but he is equally zealous regarding the societies and other avenues by which the cause of Christianity can be promoted. He is a fluent speaker, pleasing in his address upon all occasions, and is a scholarly and studious gentleman. He has been known as the "boy preacher," as he entered the pulpit when in his seventeenth year, and for one of his age possesses a remarkable knowledge of human nature, as well as exceptionally rare ability.

Born in Somerton, Belmont County, Ohio, September 12, 1855, our subject is the son of Rev. P. G. and Nellie (Long) Edmonds, natives of Ohio and Albany, N. Y., respectively. The father was a member of the Pittsburgh Conference for a time, and after the organization of the East Ohio Conference he was identified with it. After many years spent in the preaching of the Gospel, he has retired from active ministerial labors and passes the twilight of his honorable life in Alliance, Ohio. He is justly proud of the fact that his two sons, Edson F. and Eugene P., are both ministers, the former being pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Newcastle, Pa. The only daughter in the family died at the age of three years.

After obtaining his early education in the public schools, our subject took an academic course at Dayton, Pa., from which he entered the preparatory department in the Scio (Ohio) College, graduating from that institution in the classical course in 1873, before he had reached his seventeenth year. As may be imagined, he utilized his time diligently and studied during his vacations in order to complete the college course while yet so young.

It had been the intention of the young graduate to enter the theological seminary at Boston, but his health being poor, he was advised by his physicians to take as much outdoor exercise as possible, and therefore reluctantly abandoned the idea of entering the seminary. The three years following he remained at home, taking instructions under his father. He was licensed as a local preacher during 1873, and was then known as the "boy preacher." During the three years following his graduation, he supplied several pulpits, and in 1876, at the first session of the East Ohio Conference at Steubenville, Ohio, received supply work from the Presiding Elder on the Tyrone Circuit (now the Dennison charge). During this period he supplied four churches in the country, and this, his first experience of rural life, was one of the most delightful he had ever enjoyed and proved very productive in revival results.

By the recommendation of some of the wisest ministers in the church, Rev. Mr. Edmonds refused to remain more than one year as pastor of any one church, in order that he might have an opportunity for more thorough sermonizing and broader study. At the end of the first year he was recalled to each place by the unanimous request of Quarterly Conference. In the fall of 1876, he went on the Tyrone Circuit, and one year later removed to Caldwell, Noble County, Ohio, where he was instrumental in securing a very interesting meeting, as well as the reconstruction of the church, and all the interests of the congregation were largely advanced. In 1878, he removed to Newton Falls, Ohio, where a splendid revival succeeded in increasing the membership by one-half. One year later, he took charge of the church at Garrettsville, Ohio, where he had many trying experiences, on account of the fact that the congregation had recently erected a new church, for which they were in debt. They came to the Akron Conference and asked that Mr. Edmonds be appointed their pastor. His success there was remarkable, and when he left he had the gratification of knowing that the indebtedness was lifted and general improvements made.

In 1880, Rev. Mr. Edmonds moved to Woodsfield, Monroe County, Ohio, where he had a pleasant and profitable pastorate of two years. Coming to Chagrin Falls in 1882, two weeks after his removal he was married to Miss Lena M., daughter of Col. S. L. Mooney, of Woodsfield, Ohio. During his three years' pastorate at Chagrin Falls, he built a new church, which is recognized as an ornament to the city, and strengthened the congregation both numerically and spiritually. During 1885, he received a unanimous invitation from the Scoville Avenue Church at Cleveland, and also a call from the Official Board of the Hamlin Methodist Episcopal Church at Steubenville. The latter request was granted by the Bishop and he removed to Steubenville, remaining for two years.

Receiving a unanimous call to the Euclid Avenue Church in Cleveland, which had recently erected a fine stone church in a rapidly growing district, he was sent thither. The matter was sharply contested between Cleveland and Steubenville as to which pastorate he should accept, but the Conference being held at Cleveland, and the cabinet seeing the work that must be done in that city, decided that he should go there. He succeeded in paying off the church indebtedness of $14,000, and increased the membership from three hundred to seven hundred and twenty. He was pastor of this church for four years and was requested to remain for the fifth year, but unexpected changes were made in the Conference which involved the necessity of changes with pastors in relation with other churches.

In 1891, Rev. Mr. Edmonds was called to the First Methodist Church at Canton, where he now occupies the pulpit. The church building is an elegant stone structure, erected at a cost of $150,000, and the congregation includes a membership of more than eleven hundred. The auditorium is handsomely furnished, and equipped with a fine pipe organ, the edifice being considered one of the most attractive in the State. The pastor is an eloquent speaker, and is known throughout the State as one of its best ministers. He is an enthusiastic and earnest worker, and his zeal and enterprise are praised by all who know him. He has social relations with the Knights of Pythias and is a Mason, ranking as a Knight Templar, and is a man of genial and companionable nature. He and his wife have one son, Rowland Mooney.

Mr. Edmonds has had many calls to leave his Conference and accept more lucrative positions elsewhere, but has always declined. In 1891, the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him, and he has the honor of being the youngest member of the Conference upon whom that honor has been bestowed. His efficiency as a minister is due to some extent to his personal social qualities, which gain the friendship of those to whom he becomes known, and attract to his services many who otherwise might not enter the church. His character as a true-hearted gentleman and devout Christian gives him that influence over those who know him which is essential to success in Christian work. In presenting the claims of the Gospel he is clear, logical and persuasive. He receives the respect of all who know him, and is best beloved

by those who enjoy a close association with him and best understand his nature. He has received the highest compliment that could be conferred upon him by the Conference, in his appointment to fill the pulpit of the church at Canton, for it is considered to be one of the finest in the State.

GEORGE H. SPANGLER is a wholesale and retail dealer in hats and gent's furnishing goods at Nos. 12 and 14 South Market Street, in Canton, where he has carried on business for a number of years. As he is widely and favorably known in the community, this record of his life will undoubtedly prove of interest to many of our readers. Mr. Spangler was born on a farm in Stark County, January 5, 1845, and is a son of William A. and Elizabeth (Lind) Spangler. His parents were both born near Hagerstown, Md., and the father was a farmer by occupation. In 1835, he came with his family to this county and located upon a farm in Plain Township, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. His death occurred on the old homestead in February, 1889, in the seventy-third year of his age. His wife passed away two years previous, dying in 1887, in her seventy-first year. The Spangler and Lind families were both of German descent and were established in Maryland at an early day.

We now take up the personal history of our subject, who was the fifth in a family of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, nine of whom are yet living. No event of special importance occurred during his boyhood, which was spent in attendance at the district schools and in aiding in the labors of the farm. He afterward pursued his studies in Greensburgh Seminary, and completed his education in Mt. Union College, after a course of two years. He entered upon his mercantile career as clerk in the store of David Zollars, with whom he remained for one year. He was then in the employ of Schilling & Herbruck for about two years, when he started in business on his own account, forming a partnership with David Jamison and Abraham Miller. They opened a general store, with which Mr. Spangler was connected for ten months, when he sold out to his partners and returned from Uniontown to Canton.

A marriage ceremony performed on the 19th of April, 1870, united the destinies of our subject and Miss Mary A. Knoble, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, daughter of John Knoble. After his marriage, Mr. Spangler was engaged in clerking for a time in Canton, after which he took charge of the hat, cap and furnishing goods department in the store of T. B. Albert & Co., of Canton, with which he was connected for several years, when failing health forced him to sever the relation. Hoping to be benefited thereby, Mr. Spangler then accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Eagle Woolen Mills, of Canton; later was in the employ of a New York firm, and subsequently again represented the Eagle Woolen Mills and other Western factories. Returning to Canton, he purchased the stock of T. B. Albert & Co., of which he had formerly been in charge, and started in business for himself, having his brother Charles as a partner. This connection was continued for four years, when he purchased his brother's interest.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Spangler have been born eight children, but they lost three in infancy. The five yet living are Lucy C., Mary A., Florence N., Ruth C. and George N. The family resides at No. 141 West Fifth Street, where they have a comfortable home with pleasant surroundings, the hospitable doors of which are always open for the reception of their many friends.

In connection with his main store in Canton Mr. Spangler also has a branch store in Massillon. Both are well stocked with a fine grade of goods of the latest and most improved styles. Nine clerks are employed in the Canton store, and three salesmen in the branch store. The former occupies a building 46x100 feet, and three stories in height. Mr. Spangler has a large and constantly increasing trade, which he well deserves. His courteous treatment, fair and honest dealing and his fine line of goods have won him a liberal patronage and have placed him among the prominent business men

of the city. Mr. Spangler is also a member of the Board of Trade, of Canton, and one of the Board of the Business Men's Association. In politics, he is a Republican, and socially, is a member of the Knights of Honor and the American Legion of Honor. With the Methodist Episcopal Church, he holds membership and serves as its Treasurer. Mr. Spangler had no special advantages in his youth, but by his industry and perseverance has worked his way upward, overcoming all the obstacles in his path by his indomitable will and energy. He deserves the greatest credit for his success and his prosperity is but his just reward.

JACKSON W. PONTIUS. This work would fail in its idea of placing before its readers and patrons in Stark County the life history of its noted men, were we to omit the name of Mr. Pontius, who occupies the responsible position of Superintendent of the County Infirmary. It is impossible in a brief biographical sketch to render him full justice, and yet he is so intimately and clearly identified with the county's welfare, and his name is so familiar to all, that it is only proper to dwell upon what he has done and the influence of his career upon others, not as empty words of praise, but the plain statement of a plain truth.

Our subject, who was born on section 16 of Plain Township, April 17, 1855, is the son of Squire Andrew Pontius, for a further history of whom the reader is referred to his sketch, which appears elsewhere in this book. Reared on a farm, our subject early gained a knowledge of agriculture, and his education during his early life was conducted in the district school, and when seventeen years of age he added to the knowledge gained therein by attendance at the old Canton Academy. Later, he spent three years as a student in the Mt. Union College, and when leaving that institution was in his Sophomore year. Then desirous of gaining a thorough knowledge of business, young Pontius entered the commercial department of the Mt. Union College, from which institution he was graduated with the Class of '75. Later, he taught school for four winters in Jackson and Plain Townships, and was variously engaged during the summer seasons.

Abandoning the life of a teacher, our subject launched out in the hardware business in Canton in partnership with a Mr. Essig, the firm prosecuting their affairs for two and a half years under the style of Essig & Pontius. At the expiration of that time, our subject returned to the old home farm, which he carried on very advantageously for three years.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Ella Clay was solemnized May 9, 1876. Mrs. Pontius was the daughter of Moses and Catharine Clay, the former of whom was one of the old landmarks of Jackson Township, and whose life history occupies another page in this volume. To Mr. and Mrs. Pontius have been born three children: Hubert C., Bessie S. and Lura Belle.

The fellow-citizens of Mr. Pontius, appreciating the fact that he is a man of great merit, worthy in every way of their consideration, and knowing that he is shrewd, capable and clear-witted in counsel, selected him to fill the office of Superintendent of the County Infirmary, which position he took charge of March 26, 1884. Under his supervision, the institution has been entirely reorganized and a new brick building has been erected as the insane department. He has fully demonstrated the fact that he is the man for that position, and although not ambitious as the world knows ambition, yet he is untiring in his devotion to all matters which pertain to the Infirmary and the public good in general. He has always preserved a quiet, unassuming and modest deportment, and has worked for results, rather than personal aggrandizement or glory.

The grounds belonging to the County Infirmary contain two hundred and thirty-four acres of tillable land, on which are raised all varieties of farm produce. The inmates of that institution number from one hundred and ninety-five to two hundred and twenty-five, and for them Mr. Pontius makes the home as pleasant as possible. The insane depart-

ment contains fifty-seven people, whose wants are attended to promptly. The Infirmary was organized in 1835, and as there is no free hospital within the limits of Stark County, all cases of sick poor people are accommodated within its walls, the number of such cases since September 1, 1891, being two hundred and thirty.

Mr. and Mrs. Pontius are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, in Canton, and are people who try to carry out in their daily life the teachings of the Golden Rule. In his political relations, our subject is a stanch Democrat, and takes an active part in all local affairs. Socially, he occupies a high rank in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Canton. While he has not amassed a fortune or attained great distinction, as the world usually measures men, he has done what is more in keeping with his character—been a cheerful giver, an earnest worker for his fellows, and already enjoys the reward of his good works, by securing the unbounded confidence of his fellow-citizens.

WILLIAM HERSHEY. The vast agricultural resources of the United States enable thousands of men to gain a maintenance and secure a competence by tilling the soil. Stark County is not without her share of these enterprising workers, and among those in Canton Township who own and occupy excellent estates is the gentleman above named, who is numbered among the successful men of the county. His property is well improved and the owner not only raises the cereals for which this portion of the State is so well adapted, but also devotes considerable attention to the various domestic animals, breeding them in considerable numbers.

The father of our subject, Joseph Hershey, was born in Pennsylvania in 1809, where he was reared to manhood and learned the distiller's trade from his father, the latter of whom also owned two farms in the Keystone State. Later, the father of our subject became a tanner, in which branch of business he was very successful. After his marriage, he came, in 1835, to this county, making the journey over the mountains with a team and wagon, and located in Canton, which was then a small village. He engaged in the butchering business at that place for a year or two and in 1837 moved upon a farm which his father-in-law had purchased in Canton Township. The only improvements which the place bore were a few acres cleared and an old log house and barn. He materially contributed to the growth of Stark County, and throughout his community was respected for his upright life and friendly disposition. He continued to reside upon the above farm, with the exception of three years spent at the tanner's trade at Massillon, until a few years prior to his death, when he removed to Canton and there died at the advanced age of seventy-one years.

Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Lucy Brownewell, was born in Pennsylvania, and reared a family of five children: George, deceased; John, Rebecca, William, and Joseph. The wife and mother, who was a most estimable lady, departed this life in 1846, and was mourned by many outside her family circle. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in the place of his birth and from early boyhood was engaged in farming, so that when he adopted that calling for his life work he had already a good deal of experience and a practical preparation for the task that lay before him. His education was conducted in the pioneer school, which did not offer many advantages to the youth of that day, but he has endeavored by reading and observation to keep himself well posted and possesses much valuable information. He was twenty-three years of age on the outbreak of the late war and in April, 1861, enlisted in Company F, Fourth Ohio Infantry, under Capt. Wallace, and participated in the battles of Chancellorsville, Ridge Mountain, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and Spottsylvania. At the latter place he was wounded and received his honorable discharge in July, 1864.

Returning home from the field of battle, young Hershey again engaged in farming and in 1877 purchased his present farm, which includes sixty

acres of land under excellent cultivation and its improvements are of a very high order. May 1, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Kinney, and to them have been born five children: Alice, Isaac, Joseph, Lucy, and James Garfield. Mr. Hershey is one of our so-called self-made men as he has acquired his property solely by hard work and frugal management. He devotes his attention to mixed farming and stands well among his fellow-citizens, as his reputation for honesty and fairness in all his dealings is the best. Religiously he is a member in good standing of the Methodist Church and is a whole-souled, true-hearted Christian. In politics, he gives allegiance to the Republican party and always stands by his colors.

REUBEN HOLL. Among the retired planters of Stark County, none have been more thoroughly wide-awake and energetic than Mr. Holl, who has resided here since 1836. Although he started out in life with no capital save that with which Nature had endowed him, pluck and energy were his faithful allies, and by their aid he accumulated a comfortable fortune, and is now in the enjoyment of a hale and vigorous old age.

A native of Lancaster County, Pa., Mr. Holl was born November 15, 1823. His parents, Samuel and Mary (Royer) Holl, were born in Pennsylvania, March 11, 1798, and July 4, 1801, respectively, and in the State of their birth were united in marriage. In the spring of 1836, the father came to Stark County, Ohio, and there he was called from life in February, 1866. His father, Ephraim Holl, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and died at about the age of thirty-six years, having been a farmer during his short but active life. His father, John Peter Holl, was a Pennsylvanian by birth and of German descent, and by occupation was a farmer and pump-maker. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Ephraim Royer, spent his life in Pennsylvania, where he followed the calling of a farmer. His ancestors came to America during the early settlement of the country and the land whereon they located was purchased from Thomas and Richard Penn, sons of William Penn, and the place where they forded the Schuylkill River is to this day called Royer's Ford and is now a station on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad.

The mother of Reuben Holl lived to be ninety years, six months and twenty-eight days old, dying January 30, 1892. She bore her husband eight sons and six daughters, one of whom died in early infancy, another at the age of two and a half years, one at thirteen and another at fifteen years of age. Ten grew to maturity: Ephraim, who died in 1848 and left two sons; Magdaina, a resident of Canton, Ohio, and the widow of Jacob Sprankel; Reuben, the subject of this sketch; Catherine, wife of Samuel Hower, of Sangamon County, Ill.; Dan R., of Mexico, Stark County, Ohio; Manasseh, who lives in this county and has a family of eleven children, all married; Elizabeth (deceased); Sophia, wife of Samuel Walter, of New Berlin, Ohio; Samuel and Henry C., of Canton.

Reuben Holl has been a resident of this county since his thirteenth year. His first schooling was obtained in a village of Pennsylvania; after his removal to Ohio he attended the common schools of New Berlin, and finished his literary education in a select school taught by Archibald McGregor in Canton, after he was twenty-one years of age. He was then sufficiently well qualified to begin teaching and this occupation received his attention for sixteen successive winter terms and two summer terms. As in everything else he undertook, he was successful and was considered one of the popular educators of the county for many years. His marriage, March 9, 1848, united him with Eliza Roush, daughter of Godfrey Roush. The lady was born in Jackson Township, Stark County, December 28, 1826, and died August 18, 1890. She was the mother of eight sons and one daughter. Three of the sons died in infancy, but the others attained manhood. William P. married Alice A. Clay and by her he has three sons and one

daughter; John H., a civil engineer of Canton married Clara Essig, by whom he has a daughter and two sons; Daniel W. is unmarried; Oliver W. is the County Surveyor of Stark County, and was married to Alice Essig, by whom he has one daughter; Benjamin F., of Pittsburg, Pa., is an artist by profession and is married to Ida Van Horn; and Mary, wife of J. J. Zerbe, of Canton, is the mother of two children.

After his marriage, Mr. Holl located in New Berlin, but at the end of two years settled on a farm in Jackson Township, where he at once began devoting his time and energies to agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. Eight years later, he purchased the property on section 23, of which he is still the owner. Here he tilled the soil for thirty-two years and by constant labor converted what was then comparatively wild land into well-tilled fields and made most of the improvements in the way of buildings, etc. After the death of his wife, he kept house until the following spring but now makes his home with his children. He has always been a Democrat in politics and has served nine terms, or twenty-seven years, as Justice of the Peace of Jackson Township and was land appraiser of the same in 1859 and in 1880. He has done a great deal of surveying in the township and for many years was its efficient clerk. He is not a member of any church but is a moral, upright man and his walk through life has been without reproach. He is a member of the Grange and has been Master of his lodge.

LEONARD HESS, a member of the firm of Hess, Snyder & Co., and superintendent of the stove erecting department, is not only one of the prominent business men of the place, but is one of the county's most agreeable and social citizens. (For sketch of his father, Jacob F. Hess, see sketch of his brother, J. F. Hess). Our subject was born in Kandern, Baden, Germany, on the 22d of November, 1840, and came here with his parents when six years of age. He was the youngest of five children, but as his parents removed to different school districts after locating in Stark County, his school days numbered about eighteen months altogether. He was naturally bright and ambitious, readily acquired a knowledge of the English language, and became well posted on all subjects of moment.

When thirteen years of age, he began earning his own living, and was with Hon. George Harsh for one year. After this he worked for Joseph Davenport in the car works for three years, and then was with Russell & Co. for eleven years. During this time he took up the machinist's trade, and being a natural mechanic and genius, he became foreman the last two years of his stay with that company. He became a practical machinist, and in 1863 he became a partner with his brother J. F., and opened a tin shop and gas and plumbing business. Our subject had charge of the gas-fitting and plumbing in connection with stoves and house-furnishing goods, and this continued until 1882. The company built a block, but our subject sold his interest in it, and in 1881 started business under the firm name of Hess Bros., the same continuing for two years. They then embarked in their present business, and Mr. Hess took charge of the machinist department. This business has increased in a remarkable manner since its inception, and they carry on the manufacture of hot-air furnaces, cook and heating stoves, and also a machine and repair shop. They turn out from eighteen hundred to two thousand stoves a year, and three hundred furnaces, and are doing a very extensive business in this line. Mr. Hess owns two good farms in Perry Township, one of one hundred and fifty acres, and the other of forty-eight acres, both near town. He has good buildings on his land, and carries on agricultural pursuits himself, raising grain and stock. He also owns an attractive residence in Massillon, as well as other real estate in the city. He is a self-made man, and all that he has accumulated in the way of this world's goods has been the result of honest toil on his part.

Our subject selected his wife in the person of Miss Christina Shriver, a native of Massillon, and

their nuptials were celebrated on the 15th of February, 1862. Her father, Herman Shriver, was an early settler here, and one of the most extensive farmers of this section. Four children have blessed the union of our subject and his wife, and are as follows: Fred, a book-keeper in the office; Clara, now Mrs. Claus, who resides with her father; Laura and Robert at home. These children are all well educated, and are bright and enterprising. Mr. Hess has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for twenty-two years, and in politics, is a stanch advocate of the Republican party.

SQUIRE ANDREW PONTIUS. This gentleman is, perhaps, as well acquainted with the growth and development of Stark County as any man now living. He was born in Plain Township, this county, August 22, 1829, and has spent his entire life in this section. The experiences of his early days, the primitive life, toils and hardships of the settlers, and the undeveloped state of the country are recalled by him and related in an interesting manner. His own life has not been devoid of toil, danger and excitement, and he has found many ways in which to be of great use to his community. As a public official, he has made a record and exerted an influence that extends far beyond his own home.

Jacob Pontius, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1802, where also his father, Frederick Pontius, was born, July 4, 1772. The family is of German descent, the great-grandfather of our subject having come from Zweibrucken, a city of Bavaria, and located in Pennsylvania. He lived on the frontier of that State, and during the Revolutionary War fought in that struggle, and often barricaded the entrance to his home against the enemy. The grandfather, who was then a small boy, together with his brother, stationed themselves on the stump of a large butternut tree and did picket duty, watching the Indians.

Frederick Pontius was a farmer by occupation in Pennsylvania, where he was married, and in 1816 made the trip overland to this county, his wife riding on horseback. They arrived in Canton June 3, of that year, where they found only a few log cabins. The caravan of emigrants included three or four families, and the inhabitants of Canton were so overjoyed to see this addition to their little settlement, that they fired a salute in their honor. Grandfather Pontius took up his abode on the southeast quarter of section 16, in Plain Township, which was school land. Having purchased a three-years lease of the place from the man who was living on it at that time, he resided there until removing to the northeast quarter of section 28, which was entirely devoid of improvement. Having visited this county in 1811, he had purchased that farm, but was prevented from moving hither on account of the outbreak of the War of 1812. He was drafted into the army, and while en route to the field of battle was overtaken by a nephew, who volunteered to act as his substitute.

The grandfather of our subject developed a good farm on section 28, on which he erected what was then considered a very fine hewed-log house, which lasted for many years. He was a very hard worker and was very prosperous in the pursuit of his calling and had the reputation of being one of the most practical farmers in the township. He died July 18, 1848, firm in the faith of the German Reformed Church, which he helped to organize in Canton. In his political views, he was a sound Democrat and was held in high esteem throughout the county by reason of his industrious and kindly life and the interest he ever took in the good of those about him.

Jacob Pontius, the father of our subject, was a lad of fourteen years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, where he was given fair educational advantages. When reaching mature years, he accepted the honorable position of Captain of a company of militia, in which he did efficient service. In 1825, he was married to Miss Rebecca Essig, who was born in Cumberland County, Pa., May 7, 1806, and was brought to this county when two years of age by her parents. She now makes her home with our

subject and is one of the oldest residents of Stark County. Her parents, Simeon and Magdalena Essig, came here at an early day, and locating in this township, on the middle branch of Nimishillen Creek, there developed a valuable farm in the wilderness. They were often disturbed in their forest home by the visits of Indians, who came to their cabin trading and begging, but were never harmed by them other than to be badly frightened. The father died at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. After his marriage, the father of our subject located on the old home farm, which he operated successfully until his decease in 1832.

The original of this sketch was the second in order of birth of the parental family of three children, his brother and sister being John and Margaret, the latter of whom married Jacob Bair. He received his schooling in the primitive structures which were so common a half-century ago, and the first schoolhouse in which he studied had neither iron nor glass used in its construction. His father dying when he was five years of age, he made his home with his grandfather until the latter's death. During the winter of 1848, he taught one term of school in Canton and followed that occupation for some time in this township.

When reaching his majority, Mr. Pontius established a home of his own, and May 22, 1855, was united in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Correll, who was born in Adams County, Pa., March 30, 1828. She was only six years of age when she came with her parents to this section, they locating on the southwest quarter of section 15, in this township. To our subject and his estimable wife has been granted a family of seven children: Loran W., Jackson W., Glancy C., Lucy M., Charles A., William J., and Rebecca E. The eldest son, who was graduated from Rush Medical College with the Class of '81, is an invalid and resides with his father. His wife, who is a most cultured and intelligent lady, is also a physician, receiving her degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Columbus College at Cleveland. She has been very successful in the practice of her profession and is known far and wide for her skill and business ability. Jackson W. occupies the prominent position of Superintendent of the County Infirmary, and Glancy C. is a wealthy farmer in Plain Township. Lucy M. married Morris Aungst, who is Deputy Probate Judge of Stark County. Charles A. and William J. are twins. The former makes his home in this township, and the latter is married and farming in this county. Rebecca remains at home with her parents.

Mr. Pontius of this sketch located upon his farm on section 16, where he was a continuous resident for thirty years. The tract includes eighty acres, of which he is still the owner, and he has supplied the place with all the needed implements for farm work and has the reputation of being one of the most progressive and skillful farmers of the county. In the year 1879, he purchased the place where he is at present residing, and in the spring of 1881 moved upon the farm. It comprises one hundred and forty-four broad acres of thoroughly tilled land, which is supplied with good buildings and all modern farm machinery. He is a man of excellent common-sense, is sagacious and wide-awake in the transaction of business, and has acquired a handsome competence by his industry. He has taken the first premium at county fairs on nearly every product of his farm which he has exhibited. He was elected President of the County Agricultural Society at a time when it was heavily involved, and during his four years' incumbency of the office managed affairs so wisely that he cleared the entire indebtedness. He was also instrumental in the reorganization of the Board, of which he is an active member, and is also a charter member of the Horticultural Society. At the Ohio Centennial of 1888, which was held at Columbus, Mr. Pontius conceived the idea of having the pictures of all the schoolhouses in Plain Township placed on exhibition, which was carried into effect.

The original of this sketch was elected Justice of the Peace in 1855, and served for fifteen consecutive years. He made a most excellent "Squire" and it was generally conceded that he carefully weighed the evidence and judiciously decided all cases brought before him. With his wife, he is an influential member of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Canton and is President of the Board of Trustees of that body. He is also a member of the Grange,

in which organization he holds the office of Lecturer. In his political sympathy and affiliation, he is a Democrat, and in all official stations to which he has been elected he has administered affairs in a way that would tend to the best interests of the citizens. He has been successful as an agriculturist and is a man of unimpeachable integrity, whose word in all business affairs is considered as good as his bond.

REUBEN DECKARD. The farming interests of Canton Township are carried on by an active, intelligent class of men, who are thus performing their share in maintaining and extending the agricultural interests of Stark County. Among them is the gentleman whose name is at the head of this sketch, and who is a member of one of the old pioneer families of this section.

A native of this county, Mr. Deckard was born on what is now his present farm, October 16, 1850. He is a son of Daniel Deckard, who was born in Pennsylvania, in 1797, and was of German descent. The father followed the trade of a distiller in his native State, and came to Ohio in 1818 when a young man, driving a four-horse team here for a Mr. Miller. On taking up his abode in this section, he again engaged in his former business, and a few years later, desiring to become a farmer, purchased forty acres of the farm on which his son is now located. There was a log house on the place and deer and all kinds of wild animals roamed the prairies. At his death, he left an estate of one hundred and ninety acres in Canton Township and a quarter-section of land near Ft. Wayne, Ind., both of which bore all the improvements to be found upon a first-class estate. He began the battle of life with limited means, having only enough money when coming to this county with which to purchase a mattox, and with this he began to grub stumps for his neighbors. In the prosecution of his business affairs, he was accorded the credit of being a very pleasant man with whom to deal and who was honorable in all his transactions. In his political belief, he was a member of the Republican party, and during his life here contributed his quota to advance the best interests of his township.

The mother of our subject, previous to her marriage, bore the name of Catherine Brown. She was born in Berks County, Pa., in 1808, and was thus twelve years of age when she accompanied her parents to this county in 1820. By her marriage with Mr. Deckard were born twelve children, of whom the following grew to mature years: Rebecca, John, Amos, Daniel, Delilah, Jane, Reuben, Joseph, and Hannah. The mother of these children died in her seventy-fourth year, in 1882. She was the daughter of Balser Brown, who was born in Pennsylvania and was a shoemaker by trade. He was very prosperous in a business way and died in this county when in the prime of life.

He of whom we write obtained his first schooling in the log schoolhouses of pioneer times. He was twenty-two years of age when he began life on his own account, and took charge of the home farm on condition that he could buy out the other heirs. January 12, 1873, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Snively, who was born in Perry Township, this county, in 1850. Of the three children born to them one is deceased, Clarence L. Those living are Linnie A. and John D.

Mr. Deckard has achieved success in the pursuit of his calling, and is now the proud possessor of one hundred and thirty-three acres of land, which is as valuable and productive as can be found in the county. His estate is neatly fenced and is stocked with good grades of cattle and horses. He carries on mixed farming, and in him the citizenship of his town has a good representative, as he is in all things a thoroughly honorable man, just and generous in his dealings, and in every respect eminently trustworthy. Among the good buildings on his estate is a commodious frame house and large barns which give ample accommodation for the shelter of crops, stock and machinery.

Mrs. Deckard is a member of the United Brethren Church; she is a most estimable lady and looks

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carefully after the interests of her household. Mr. Deckard has views of his own on all subjects, and is a pronounced Republican in political sentiment. He is accorded a high place among our most worthy and respected citizens, and is widely and favorably known throughout this county. For a more extended notice of his ancestral history, the reader is referred to the sketch of his brother, John Deckard, which appears on another page in this volume.

REV. WILLIAM O. SIFFERT, pastor of the United Brethren Church at Massillon, was born at Navarre, this State, March 26, 1845. Joseph Siffert, his father, is also a native of this county, while the grandfather, Phillip Siffert, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., and was a miller by occupation. The last-named gentleman was married in the Keystone State, and in 1812 came by means of a wagon to this county and located in Pike Township, where, in addition to operating a farm, he ran a mill. He was very successful in business and at his death, in 1855, left several valuable farms.

The father of our subject was reared to manhood in this county, and having chosen the occupation of a farmer, purchased a quarter-section of land in Sugar Creek Township, which he operated until 1864, when he moved to Navarre, and died in that place in 1877. He was a very prominent and influential member of the United Brethren Church, and in his political views voted with the Republican party. The lady whom he married was formerly Catherine A. Scott, a native of Cumberland County, Pa., being born in 1821. Her father, Andrew Scott, was a native of the North of Ireland and of Scotch-Irish descent. He was a young man when he came to America and located in Pennsylvania, where he married. In 1834, he came overland with his family to this State and took up his abode in Perry Township. Later, however, he removed to Kendall, where he was given the position of Manager of the Massillon Furnace Company, which position he held for many years. His last days were spent upon a farm in Perry Township. His wife, Eliza Walters, was born in the Keystone State and was of German descent. They were both Episcopalians in religion.

He whose name heads this sketch was the eldest but one in the family of four children. His brother Alfred enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company I, Seventy-sixth Ohio Infantry, and was killed at Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863. William O. was reared in Sugar Creek Township, his home being just two miles from Navarre, and prosecuted his studies diligently in the primitive log schoolhouse.

Mr. Siffert remained at home until August 10, 1862, when he enlisted in the war of the Union, joining Company A, One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Infantry, being mustered into service at Cleveland. He participated in the battles at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, after which he, with his regiment, was sent to South Carolina and Florida, where he took part in some twenty-five or thirty engagements with the enemy. He was one of the youngest members of his company and won his way into the hearts of the officers and privates. He was slightly wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, but, with that exception, escaped serious injury of any kind. Upon the close of the war, Mr. Siffert was mustered out at Charleston, July 10, 1865, as Corporal, and was discharged at Cleveland in August of that year.

Returning again to the peaceful pursuits of life, our subject engaged in the milling business in partnership with James M. Corl, and they operated successfully together for about five years, during which time young Siffert was preparing himself for the ministry. After completing his studies, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the United Brethren Church, January 23, 1875, and four years later was ordained by the Annual Conference and was given charge of the church at East Palestine. From there he preached at Holland, Springfield and New Rumley, and in 1882 was ordained Elder by Bishop Dickson. His

next charge was at New Comerstown, where he remained until the fall of 1888, when he came to this city. After a residence here of two years, he went to Louisville, this county, and fifteen months later was recalled to Massillon.

The Rev. William O. Siffert was married in 1867 to Miss Hattie, daughter of Jacob Carl, a tailor of Navarre. To them have been born seven children, namely: James A., Ada, Carrie, Frank, Kittie, Edwin and Ruth. Our subject is a member of Capt. Samuel Miller's Post No. 240, G. A. R., and in politics, votes the straight Republican ticket. During the winter of 1891–92, he held one of the largest revival meetings in the State, during which time he had one hundred and seven accessions to the church. He labored hard and earnestly during that time, after which he was taken seriously ill with congestion of the bowels. He is devoting his life to the salvation of others, and in his chosen field has been greatly prospered. Not only is he highly esteemed by those of his own church, but his name is a synonym for integrity and probity wherever it is known.

CHARLES E. ARCHER. The enormous increase in the demand for carriages of all grades has rendered their manufacture a prominent industry in the United States. There are few branches of industrial trades in which such a vast amount of capital has been invested, and none other in which the American manufacturer has by his skill and ingenuity so far outstripped his competitors. Among the most widely known and deservedly popular concerns, whose productions are in constant and ever-increasing demand, is that conducted by Mr. Charles E. Archer, who is one of the most extensive manufacturers and dealers in this section. He was born in Massillon on the 28th of January, 1851, and is a son of George and Jane (Clark) Archer, the father a native of Stark County and the mother of Pennsylvania. Our subject's parental grandfather, William Archer, was born in the East, and was a farmer by occupation. At an early date he moved to Portage County, Ohio, and followed agricultural pursuits there until his death. The maternal grandfather, John Clark, was a gunsmith by trade.

The father of our subject was reared in Portage County, Ohio, but later came to Stark County, this State, and here learned the carriage manufacturer's trade. After this, he worked for a Mr. Hine for a short time and then for Russell & Co. for twenty years, as contracting foreman for wagon works. Later, he and Mr. Doxsee started a carriage manufactury on Factory Street. While with Russell & Co., he bought forty acres of land, improved this, but during the latter part of his life he returned to the carriage business and received his final summons in 1885, when sixty-seven years of age. In politics, he was a Republican. His wife died in 1853. They were the parents of three children, all of whom reached mature years, viz: our subject; William, now in New Mexico; and Elmira, deceased. William was in the Thirty-second Ohio Infantry and served through almost the entire war.

Charles E. Archer was reared in Massillon and graduated at the High Schools of that city in 1869. He learned the carriage-making trade of his father, and worked with him for three years, after which he went to Cleveland, where he remained one year. Returning to Massillon at the end of that time, he embarked as a dealer in carriages and from that soon began their manufacture. In 1877, he started his present business and erected his works at the corner of Charles and Hill Streets. He has a four-story building, 66x70 feet, and has lately erected an L. In the basement, iron work and wood work are turned out; on the second floor the carriages are mounted; painting and trimming are done on the third floor, and on the fourth floor they are stored. He builds about one hundred buggies per year and does the largest business here. He is thoroughly familiar with every detail of his work and is one of the foremost business men. He has a good residence in this city and is as popular in social as in business circles. He was married in Pittsfield, Lorain County, Ohio,

in 1873, to Miss Alma E. Whitney, a native of Pittsfield, and the daughter of Silas D. Whitney, a prominent farmer there. Mr. and Mrs. Archer have three interesting children: G. Silas, E. Jane, and Edmund. Mr. Archer is a member of the Carriage Manufacturing Association, and is interested in other enterprises. In religion, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics, is a Republican.

JOHN S. BIXLER. Our subject has not only been a witness of the gradual growth of Stark County from a sparsely inhabited wilderness to a populous and well-developed agricultural region, but it may be his pride that he has helped to bring about the great transformation. In him we find an excellent example for young men just embarking in the field of active life to follow, as showing what may be accomplished by a man beginning poor but honest, prudent and industrious.

He of whom we write is at present residing on a good estate in Bethlehem Township, which he is cultivating to the best advantage. He is a native of this county, having been born July 28, 1820, to Samuel and Elizabeth Bixler, natives of Pennsylvania. The father of our subject emigrated when a young man to this county with his parents, with whom he resided until establishing a home of his own. He occupied a prominent place among the agriculturists of this section, where he made his home until his decease, which occurred in November, 1884. Of the parental family, the following survive: John S., Balser, David, Jacob, Andrew, Susan Anne, and Lovina.

Mr. Bixler of this sketch has done much pioneer work in this county, and assisted in developing the farm where he is at present residing. In early life he enjoyed but few advantages, his school days being limited, nor had he wealth or position to aid him in starting in life. He relied solely upon his own efforts and his own conduct to win for him success and has ever strictly observed that important factor in the successful public and business life of any one—honesty.

Miss Hannah McIntosh, of this county, became the wife of our subject in 1848, and to them have been born three children, two of whom are living: Elizabeth and Peter. Mr. Bixler owns two hundred and seven acres of excellent land, which, by untiring industry and indefatigable labor he has placed under good tillage, and has been enabled to lay the foundation of a competency which will remove the necessity of further labor, when such shall become too great a burden.

A member of the Dunkard Church, our subject has been a liberal contributor toward its support. His fellow-citizens, appreciating the fact that he is in every way worthy of their consideration, have frequently selected him to fill some public position, and for a number of terms he served acceptably as School Director. He is not confined to any political party but reserves the right to vote for the man whom he considers will best fill the office.

JOSIAH LESH, the proprietor of the Lesh House, and a well-known groceryman of Louisville, Ohio, comes of a prominent old family of this section, the members of which are well known for their sterling integrity, industry and public spirit. The family have been residents of America for several generations back, coming thither from Germany in the very early history of this country. Josiah Lesh was born on a farm in Stark County, Ohio, February 17, 1846, a son of Jacob and Polly (Reese) Lesh, both of whom were born in Stark County, the former April 6, 1812. The paternal grandfather came to this region from Pennsylvania.

Josiah Lesh received such advantages as are usually given the farmer's boy; that is, he attended the common schools near his home and learned the details of farming on the old homestead. At

the age of twenty-one years, or June 29, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Oberlin, of Stark County, but a native of the Keystone State. This union resulted in the birth of five children, four of whom are still living.

After his marriage, Mr. Lesh removed to a farm in Plain Township, which he rented for twelve years, also following threshing for seven years and was engaged in hauling coal, at which occupations he made considerable money. While engaged in tilling the soil, his wife died, and for his second helpmate he took Miss Maggie Stauffer, a Pennsylvanian by birth, but a resident of Stark County, Ohio, at the time of her marriage. To them one child has been born. After leaving the farm, Mr. Lesh removed to Louisville and bought a one-third interest in a planing-mill, which he operated successfully for two years when the mill caught fire and was burned to the ground. This was a total loss, as there was no insurance, and Mr. Lesh was compelled to start anew, which he did with undaunted energy. The following fall he bought a one-fourth interest in a tile manufactory in Louisville, with which he was connected for about six months, then sold his interest and took a trip through the West, Kansas and Texas being his choice of States for a location. Not being suited, he returned to Ohio and bought a one-half interest in the Excelsior Flouring Mill, which he owned one and one-half years. After selling out, he purchased a stock of groceries and began business in a rented building.

About one year later, he bought the hotel of which he is now proprietor, and has successfully conducted it up to the present time. The whole management of this house indicates the fact that intelligent and careful direction is exercised, and it is to the administrative ability of Mr. Lesh that the position maintained by his house as one of the best conducted hotels in the county is due. He does not keep a bar, and will not tolerate drunken or noisy people about his place. He is a Republican politically, but not an office-seeker, and in religion is a member of the Evangelical Church, his wife being in sympathy with the United Brethren Church. He is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, being a charter member of Louisville Council No. 152. He is a man who is quiet and unassuming in manners, but his many worthy traits of character have won him many friends, and he is best liked by those who know him best—an excellent test of a man's character. He is essentially self-made, and has the unbounded satisfaction of knowing that the property of which he is now the owner has been earned by his own efforts and by honorable means.

The children of our subject are as follows: Laura E., who lives at home, was born in Plain Township; Susan May died in infancy; Sarah A. was born in Plain Township; Ann Irena was born in that township also, as were John H. and Racy Belle.

SAMUEL MASE. In the agricultural circles of Stark County, the late Samuel Mase was, by universal consent, accorded a high place. He was eminently successful in his calling, exhibited clearness of perception and soundness of judgment, and moreover enjoyed a reputation for moral worth and integrity of character that is a proud heritage to his widow and children.

A native of this county, our subject was born September 5, 1835, to Michael and Christina Mase, pioneers of this county. He was a brother of Henry Mase, for a full sketch of whom the reader is referred to another page in this work. Samuel prosecuted his studies in the early subscription schools of this State, and although his advantages were limited, he became a man of extensive information, and was unusually well posted on both the political and financial questions agitating the American people, as he was a great reader and a deep thinker.

When ready to establish a home of his own, Mr. Mase was married December 27, 1857, to Miss Catherine Dinius, and their union has furnished a pleasant example of true wedded life. Mrs. Mase is also a native of this county, her birth occurring November 28, 1837, in the pioneer home of her

parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Hensel) Dinius. To our subject and his excellent wife were born two children: Simon P., who married Alfaretta Bose, and Mary E., who is the wife of J. F. Roush. The latter is also the mother of two children, Walter E. and Earl C.

During his life, Mr. Mase possessed true public spirit, and used his influence to enhance the best interests of his township and county, and all worthy enterprises for the promotion of their growth met with his hearty approval and cordial support. He served his fellow-townsmen as Trustee for some time, and in his political views was identified with the Democratic party. He was a prominent member of the United Brethren Church and departed this life July 20, 1888. His widow makes her home on the old farm, and is identified religiously with the Reformed Church, and has done much to promote the good cause in her community. In his domestic relations our subject was all that could be wished for—kind, considerate and loving to his wife and children. Self-made in the truest sense of the word, it is with pleasure that we present his sketch to our readers.

JULIUS WHITING, SR., a retired banker of Canton, who has made his home in this city for many years, claims Connecticut as the State of his nativity. He was born in Litchfield County on the 14th of April, 1816, and on both the paternal and maternal sides is of English descent. His father was also a native of Litchfield County, and the son of John Whiting. He married Elizabeth Conklin, daughter of Thomas Conklin, who was also born in the Nutmeg State. The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation and continued to reside in Connecticut until his death, which occurred in 1862. In religious belief, he and his wife were Presbyterians.

Julius Whiting, whose name heads this record, was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, and acquired his education in the district schools and Westfield Academy. At the age of sixteen, he began teaching, following that profession for two winters. Not wishing to make agriculture his life work, at the age of eighteen he became a clerk in a general store in Ellington, Conn., remaining for five years with his employer, Timothy Pitkin, a thorough business man, from whom he gained a good knowledge of business methods. He then secured a position as salesman in the general store of Solomon Pitkin, in Amherst, Mass. In the spring of 1841, he came to Canton, Ohio, to accept the position of Teller in the Farmers' Bank, and after serving in that capacity for a year, was called upon to assist the receiver in closing up the business. In 1843, his father died and he returned to Colbrook, Conn., to settle up the estate, which business engrossed his attention for about eighteen months. In 1844, he returned to Canton, and engaged in the insurance, real-estate and brokerage business and in buying and selling paper.

In 1847, Mr. Whiting married Miss Harriet K. Stidger, the daughter of George Stidger, one of the pioneers of Canton, who came from Baltimore, Md., to this city in 1807. Unto them have been born four children, two of whom are yet living: Julius, now a prominent attorney of Canton; and Helen F., wife of Fred Hartzell, of Wooster, Ohio.

After his marriage, Mr. Whiting continued to engage in the real-estate and insurance business and also carried on farming to some extent. In 1854, he formed a partnership with Isaac Harter, Martin Wickidal and Peter Trump, doing a general banking business under the firm name of Harter, Trump, Wickidal & Co. Mr. Whiting acted as Cashier and General Manager until 1861, when, on account of failing health, he disposed of his interest in the Savings Deposit Bank.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Whiting is a stalwart Republican. He has a commodious and handsome residence at No. 144 North Market Street, where he and his wife live the greater part of their time, but several of the past winters Mr. Whiting has spent in Florida. Mr. Whiting started out in business with very limited means, but his life has been characterized by industry and frugality. He has made judicious investments and by his honorable dealings has accumulated a comfortable com-

petency, which numbers him among the substantial citizens of Canton, and enables him to pass his declining years in retirement, surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

AMOS W. COATES, of Alliance, is one of the prominent and representative men of Ohio, and throughout the country he is well known both personally and by reputation as an inventor and genius. He was born in Marlborough Township, Stark County, April 24, 1834, and comes of an old Pennsylvania family. His paternal grandfather was the founder of Coatesville, Pa. His parents, Amos and Jane B. (Norris) Coates, were natives of the Keystone State, and emigrated to Ohio in a moving wagon in 1823, locating in Marlborough Township, Stark County, when it was sparsely settled. Mr. Coates was a man of scholarly attainments and had charge of an academy in Chester County, Pa. Subsequently he was a merchant of Philadelphia, and after coming to Ohio engaged in farming and teaching school. He was very successful in both pursuits and accumulated a handsome property, being surrounded in his later years with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He had a family of twelve children, our subject being the seventh son.

Amos W. Coates, of this sketch, completed a course of study in Marlborough Academy at the age of seventeen years, after which he spent two years in learning stove plate and machine casting, He subsequently formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, J. D. Arnold, and under the firm name of Arnold & Coates, began the manufacture of plows and castings in Paris, this county. The enterprise proved a pecuniary success, and in the summer of 1855 they added to their foundry the manufacture of hay rakes, on the old Sander's patent, and in the latter part of the same year introduced what was believed to be the first sulky spring-tooth horse hay rake ever used in Stark County. However, they soon disposed of their interest in the rake business and for several years devoted themselves to the manufacture of plows and castings. During this time, commencing in 1858, Mr. Coates spent his leisure moments in reading law under the instruction of Alexander Pierce, of Canton. In 1860, he purchased the factory and foundry, but in the fall of 1861 sold the same and enlisted in the Fremont Body Guard, going to St. Louis with a part of a company. On account of the removal of Gen. Fremont and the disbandment of the guard, he was soon discharged from the service and returned home.

On March 22, 1859, Mr. Coates wedded Miss Ada F., the accomplished daughter of A. B. and Catherine Freer, of Paris, Ohio. Of the nine children born of their union, six are yet living: Hallam F., who was graduated from Amherst College, of Massachusetts, is now Secretary and Superintendent of the Cambridge Foundry Company, at Cambridge, Ohio; Horatio was drowned in the city reservoir, January 1, 1880; Ida is a graduate of the musical department of Mt. Union College; Nellie is a student of the same college; Hartwell W., Hays K. and Effie are attending the High School of Alliance.

On being discharged from the service, Mr. Coates resumed his law studies and was admitted to the Bar in the December term of the Supreme Court of Ohio (1862), but did not enter upon practice. Early in 1863, he repurchased the Paris Foundry and Plow Works, which he conducted for about a year. In September, 1864, he removed to Alliance, Ohio, and began the erection of a portion of the buildings now occupied by his works, and there continued the manufacture of plows. In the spring of 1865, he abandoned this business and embarked in the manufacture of what is known as the White Hay Rake. In the fall he invented his lock-lever rake, which was patented in 1867, and has since continued to manufacture the same, frequently improving it to keep pace with the ever advancing progress in farm implements. In the fall of 1867, on account of his increased business, large additions were made to the buildings, and again the following year the

already extensive establishment had to be enlarged. In 1869, the partnership was formed known as Coates, Gray & Co., the connection being dissolved in 1874, when Mr. Coates purchased the interest of the other members of the firm.

Mr. Coates has made many wonderful and useful inventions, and has secured eight important patents—three on his lock-lever hay rake, one on a spring seat for the same, two on guarded scissors, one on a child's pocket-knife, and one on a water elevator for wells and cisterns. Applications have come clear from Spain for this last article. He is also one of the principal promoters of the Essick telegraph system, which S. V. Essick patented in 1883. It is now being used successfully in all parts of the world, and when it is more widely known will no doubt enter into general use. Stock companies are being formed in many places with vast capital for the purpose of operating this system of telegraphy. In January, 1888, Mr. Coates organized the rake works into a corporation with a paid-up capital of $60,000. The reputation of "Coates lock-lever hay and grain rake" is so thoroughly established that it finds sale in all parts of the United States and is shipped largely to Europe and South America. The grounds, buildings and machinery are valued at about $50,000. Fifty men are employed, and from $80,000 to $100,000 worth of work is annually turned out, while the gross sales of the rake alone have exceeded $1,000,000. At the Paris Exposition in 1878, the Coates lock-lever rake received the only silver medal and diploma awarded to any horse rake separate from other foreign implements. The business is now conducted under the corporation name of The A. W. Coates Co., and is one of the most substantial manufacturing enterprises of the State. It stands forth to-day with a strong reputation and largely increasing patronage. At a cost of $20,000, in 1877, our subject erected the Coates Block, one of the finest business blocks in Alliance, the upper story of which forms a commodious and elegant public hall that is fitted up as an Odd Fellows' lodge room.

In the fall of 1875, Mr. Coates was the candidate on the Republican ticket for State Senator, and, although the Democratic majority was over one thousand, he was defeated by only forty-eight votes. This certainly indicates his prominence and great popularity. He has been a member of the Alliance City Council, and for a time was proprietor of the *Independent Age*, a journal published in the interest of literature, news and religion. He is connected with nearly all the secret societies, including the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Knights of Honor, and Royal Arcanum, and has held all the offices of the subordinate lodges except in the Masonic order. That Mr. Coates is a man of more than ordinary ability, this record of his successes shows. In the legitimate channels of business he has won wealth, and at the same time gained the confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and their good-will and respect are his.

WILLIAM F. SCHARIO. There are quite a number of houses in this city that are typical, not alone of the comprehensive growth and the increasing importance of Canton, but whose career is a source of public pride, delineating, as they do, the general business enterprise and commercial sagacity of the leading citizens. Such a concern is the wholesale and retail establishment conducted by William F. Schario at Nos. 48 and 50 North Market Street. He is also President of the Champion Stoneware Company, and is one of the thoroughgoing, progressive business men of Canton. He was born on a farm in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, on the 27th of September, 1845, and is the eldest son born to the union of Bernhard and Elizabeth (Hammer) Schario, both natives of Germany.

The parents emigrated to the United States in 1838, and the following year settled in Stark County, Ohio, where the father followed the occupation of a farmer in Jackson Township. He was very enterprising and industrious, traits of char-

acter well known among those of German nativity, and he met with much success as an agriculturist. Early in life, he had followed the blacksmith's trade. He died on the old homestead in Jackson Township in June, 1888, and the mother followed him to the grave in June, 1890, when in her seventy-sixth year. They were devoted members of the Catholic Church. The father held the office of Supervisor of his township, and also held other local positions of note.

The subject of this sketch, the second of eight children, four sons and four daughters, divided his time in youth in attending the district school in winter and working on the farm during the summer. Remaining with his parents until twenty-one years of age, he then began farming on his own account, and was very successful in this occupation, having had a very good teacher in his father. In 1870, he came to Canton and embarked in the grocery business, but with a very little capital to begin with, as he had made other investments with his money. He rented a room and went to Dannamiller & Co., stating to them that he wanted to buy $2,500 worth of groceries, and that he could not pay a single dollar down. They then asked if he could give security. He replied that he could, but would not give security for a single dollar further than his own obligation, but if they would let him have the goods he would pay them as soon as he made the money. They decided to let him have the goods.

Mr. Schario employed two clerks and started in with a determination to win, working early and late to get a footing. At the end of three years, he was out of debt and had $8,000 cash. He built his present storehouse in 1880, the dimensions being 27x145 feet, and three stories in height, besides a basement. All the floors are occupied by his business, and he has a large and varied stock and an unusually large trade. Mr. Schario carries on his affairs on the soundest business principles, and his record lends to these pages and Canton credit and standing. His honest dealings and gentlemanly conduct have rendered him very popular with the trading public.

On the 25th of May, 1868, Mr. Schario was married to Miss Amelia Dick, of Jackson Township, this county, the only daughter of Joseph and Mary Dick. This union resulted in the birth of nine children, seven daughters and two sons, as follows: Elnora, clerk in her father's store; Alice, Amelia, Mary, Estella, Cora, Gracie, William S. and Edwin G. Mr. Schario has served as Trustee, also as Supervisor of his township, and has held other positions. He, in connection with others, organized the Champion Stoneware Company in 1888, and he was made Vice-president, which position he now holds. He was also one of the organizers of the Canton Stove Company, is one of its Directors, and has been a stockholder in the Crystal Spring Ice Company since its organization. He is a stockholder in the Canton Business Men's Association. In politics, Mr. Schario is conservative. He and his family hold membership in the St. John's Catholic Church, and are comfortably situated at No. 124 North Plum Street.

REV. J. H. HARPSTER, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Canton, was born at Centre Hall, Centre County, Pa., April 27, 1844. Of Swiss ancestry, the original progenitors of the family in America emigrated hither prior to the Revolutionary War, in which conflict Grandfather George Harpster participated as Sergeant. For many generations the representatives of the family possessed unusual talent in a mechanical direction, and engaged for the most part in manufacturing.

The parents of our subject, George and Frances (Lebker) Harpster, were natives of Pennsylvania, and the father engaged in business as a manufacturer and foundryman until his death, which occurred in Centre County, as did that of the mother. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom our subject is the youngest. He was reared at Centre Hall and received his literary education at Pine Grove Mills, where he took an academic course. Afterward he entered the Missionary Institute at Selin's Grove, Pa., where he

studied for some time. To say that he took advantage of every opportunity for increasing his range of knowledge, is merely to state what actually occurred. He had resolved to enter the ministry, and with that purpose in view, became a student in the theological seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1872.

Some years prior to this important event, and during the opening years of the Civil War, our subject enlisted in 1861, at the age of seventeen years, becoming a member of Company G, One Hundred and Forty-eight Pennsylvania Infantry, (Gov. Beaver's Regiment), and was appointed Captain of his company. He was present at the surrender of Appomattox and served throughout the entire war. He was wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville by a gunshot, again at the battle of Gettysburg by a shell, and at the battle of the Wilderness by a gunshot in the head. He participated in every great engagement from Fredericksburgh to Appomattox, and at the close of hostilities resumed his studies, graduating as above stated in 1872. Meanwhile he served as Professor of Military Tactics in the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, where he remained about one year.

Immediately after graduating, Mr. Harpster went to India as a missionary, and en route to that place, visited many countries of Europe as well as Egypt and the Holy Land. He remained in India for five years and accomplished much good there, baptizing over one thousand persons and establishing many churches. His health failing, he was obliged to resign his position, and returned to America, via Siam, Japan, China and the Pacific Ocean, landing in San Francisco. On account of his impaired health he spent three years in California and became interested in gold mining.

Leaving California, Rev. Mr. Harpster came East as far as Kansas, where he built a church at Hays City and was its pastor for three years. Resinging his pastorate, he took up the study of medicine, with a view of returning to India as a medical missionary. He entered the University of Maryland at Baltimore, where he took a course of lectures, but domestic circumstances prevented his return to India.

Accepting a call to the church at Trenton, N. J., Rev. Mr. Harpster remained there for three years, until January, 1885, when he took the pastorate of the church at Canton, and has since done ministerial work in this city. Since his pastorate commenced, he has erected an elegant church edifice and chapel, in addition to a mission chapel in another part of the city. During his labors here, he has increased the membership of the church from two hundred and fifty to about seven hundred. The church is supplied with a new and modern pipe organ, a gift of the late G. D. Harter, costing $6,000, and said to be the finest in the State. As a preacher, eloquent and earnest; as a pastor, considerate and kindly; as a friend, true and stanch; as a neighbor, obliging and generous; as a citizen, public-spirited and progressive; in every relation of life our subject stands high in the regard of the people.

In 1882, Rev. J. H. Harpster and Miss M. Julia Jacobs were united in marriage. Mrs. Harpster is a native of Gettysburg, Pa., and a daughter of M. Jacobs, D. D., who was for forty years Professor in Gettysburg College, and was widely known as a man of broad intelligence.

FELIX RHODES SHEPLEY, besides being engaged in the wholesale cigar business, occupies the position of Secretary, Treasurer and Director of the Massillon Stoneware Company, and is also a stockholder and Director of the *News-Democrat*. He is one of the prominent and shrewd young business men of the city and identified with its progress.

John Shepley, the father of our subject, was born January 1, 1810, in Funkstown, Washington County, Md., the son of Peter Shepley, Jr. and Catherine (Shilling) Shepley. Peter Shepley's father, who was also named Peter, married Barbara Geseman, whose maiden name was Barbara Oberlin. They had four children, Frederick, Peter, Samuel and Martha. Peter Shepley, Jr.,

entered the War of 1812, served as Drum Major and died ere the close of the war. He had three children, Frederick, John and Lenna. John, when a lad of nine years, walked out to this county, coming in company with his uncle, Adam Shilling, who moved his family by wagon and settled in Tuscarawas Township. John remained there until 1827, living in the meantime with different parties; one year with his aunt, two years with John Saylor and over three years with Samuel Mock. In 1827 he came to Kendall and remained ten years in the employ of Skinner & Duncan.

Since that time, John Shepley has been a constant resident of this city. He afterward engaged in business for himself, running a dray and doing general transportation work; he worked in a mill one year, clerked six months for Humberger & Cummings, and for some time was employed on the railroad. During the palmy days of boating on the Ohio Canal, he owned and ran two boats, the "Hercules" and "Giraffe," which were run in the interest of the coal trade. He has been a life-long Democrat, but voted for Lincoln at his last election. He has filled various offices of trust and responsibility, such as Township Clerk, Treasurer and Constable, and from 1859 to 1862 as Deputy Sheriff; also Deputy United States Marshal; for two years was Postmaster under Pierce's administration, was elected and served two years as Coroner, once as City Marshal. During the early history of the city he had charge of the poor. For several years he was engaged in the hat trade with George A. Kellenberger under the firm name of Kellenberger & Co., which partnership began in 1847 and terminated in 1851.

The father of our subject has been thrice married, first, July 4, 1834, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Sprague, a native of Vermont. She died in 1843, leaving no children. He was married the second time in September, 1844, to Susan Kellenberger, who was born February 1, 1817, in Lancaster County, Pa., daughter of Peter, whose wife was a Rudy. Susan died August 11, 1845, leaving a child, George A. His third marriage occurred May 4, 1847, and united him with Eliza Kellenberger, who was born January 12, 1818, in Emmitsburg, Frederick County, Md. She was a daughter of John Kellenberger, whose wife was Sarah Britton, of Baltimore, Md.; by her he had four children, Frank J., Mary C., Bernard T. and Felix Rhodes. He is at present residing in this city at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

Felix R. of this sketch was born in Massillon, April 17, 1855, and was given an excellent education in St. Joseph's Parochial School. He left school in order to take the position of office boy (July 24, 1871) in the Excelsior Agricultural Works at Massillon, with which firm he remained until their failure in business in September, 1878. During the years he was in their employ he worked his way up from office boy to the position of assistant cashier and book-keeper.

In 1879, our subject engaged as traveling salesman for Peter Sailer, representing him in Eastern and Central Ohio. He remained with Mr. Sailer until July, 1882, when he became assistant book-keeper for Russell & Co., remaining in their employ until 1886, when he resigned, and in August of that year established his present cigar manufactory and retail business. March 1, 1892, he disposed of his retail trade and now devotes his entire time and attention to the wholesale cigar trade.

On the election of Cleveland as President, Mr. Shepley was an applicant for the position of Postmaster, being endorsed by Gov. Warwick. Owing however, to the Payne-Pendelton senatorial fight, the former endorsed ex-State Treasurer Anthony Howells, who was appointed by Cleveland. In February, 1888, that gentleman resigned the position and our subject was appointed to fill the vacancy, serving until August 1, 1891, when, on account of political reasons, he was removed by President Harrison.

In 1882, Mr. Shepley was appointed by the Council City Clerk, and reappointed in 1883. Up to this time the office was supposed to be a yearly-appointive one, but the Supreme Court having in the meantime decided it an elective one and for a term of two years, Mr. Shepley, in 1884, when the incoming Republican Council undertook to elect another clerk, protested against their action, claiming that under the election of 1883, and the decision of the Supreme Court, his term of office would not expire until the spring of 1885. The

Council ignored the claim and elected Mr. Peacock to succeed him. Mr. Shepley refused to surrender the records, seals and other city property, retaining them until 1885, when he sued and obtained judgment against the city for one year's salary.

In March, 1890, the firm of Boerner, Shepley & Vogt was organized, and, buying an old glass factory they converted it into a pottery. They incorporated in September, 1890, as the Massillon Stoneware Company. Our subject was elected its Secretary and Treasurer, which position he still holds. Their business is steadily on the increase, and the firm gives constant employment to about thirty-five hands. In his cigar business, Mr. Shepley keeps ten men busy, and has the largest establishment of its kind in the city.

Since 1890, our subject has been Director of the Canton *News-Democrat*, and was one of the organizers of the *Massillonian*, and for the first four months was its manager. He was Deputy Auditor of the Board of Equalization of this city for two years, and has represented the Democratic party as delegate to various county conventions. In religious affairs, he is a Catholic and a prominent member of St. Joseph's Church.

HENRY N. MILLER, who has ever shown himself worthy of the confidence of the people of his community, has also been a potent factor in advancing its interests. Formerly one of the best known and most prominent contractors and builders of this section, he is now living retired, making his home in a most beautiful residence on the New Berlin road north of the city of Canton. He is a man of more than ordinary force and enterprise, of great practicality and superior business talents, and he attributes his financial success to careful attention to his affairs.

Mr. Miller, who was born in Plain Township, this county, July 15, 1840, is the son of John A. Miller, a native of Center County, Pa., whose birth occurred February 12, 1815. His father, Henry Miller, Sr., was also a native of the Keystone State, and of Swiss descent, the first representative of the family having come to America during Colonial times. The latter-named gentleman was a shoemaker and stonemason by trade, and in 1816 made the trip to this State over the mountains by means of a team and wagon, and locating in Plain Township, purchased ten acres of land, where he resided, prosecuting his trade of a shoemaker during the winter season, and working as a mason in the summer months. He aided in erecting the first brick building in the city of Canton, and was known far and wide as an excellent and reliable workman. Finally disposing of his ten-acre tract he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Lake Township, this county, and during the latter years followed the pursuit of a farmer. He was twice married, and reared a family of fifteen children. He was a man of intelligence, not only in the line of his work, but regarding topics of general interest, and at his death, which occurred in his fifty-eighth year, Stark County lost one of her best citizens.

John A. Miller, the father of our subject, was an infant of one year when his parents came to this State, and when old enough to attend school, prosecuted his studies in the pioneer log schoolhouse, which was carried on by the subscription plan and offered but meagre advantages to those eager to obtain learning. When choosing an occupation in life, he learned the carpenter's trade, which business he followed during the remainder of his active career. He has contracted for and erected many of the finest residences in the county, and is now living retired, making his home on a six-acre tract of land in Plain Township.

Our subject's mother, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Baird, was born in this county in 1820, and by her union with Mr. Miller reared a family of ten children, nine of whom are living, viz: Rachel, our subject, Peter, Margaret, Catherine, David, William, Samuel and Emma. The mother, who is still living, is with her husband a devoted member of the Henry Reformed Church. The father, who is a man of generous impulses and cheerful disposition, has hosts of well-wishers and

many sincere friends, who will be pleased to find mention of him in this sketch. In politics, he is a stanch Democrat.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, George Baird, was a native of Maryland, and took up his abode in this State as early as 1810, he and his wife walking the entire distance to Ohio. On arriving here, he located one-half mile east of where our subject is residing and leasing land from parties in Washington, cleared it, and put in a crop of wheat. Indians who were very numerous in the locality, often made visits to his cabin, and deer and other kinds of wild game could be had for the shooting. He was a large, powerful man, and when going through the woods to mill would shoulder three bushels of wheat, and taking his rifle with him, would hunt on the way. He was a very prominent figure at log cabin raisings, where he took up one corner of the building, and when completing his work, would jump to the ground instead of climbing down. During his later years he removed to Crawford County, where he died at the age of eighty-three years. This branch of the family was of Dutch descent.

He whose name heads this sketch was reared to manhood in Plain Township, where he attended the pioneer log schoolhouse with its primitive furnishings. When thirteen years of age, his father being in limited circumstances, he was obliged to do for himself, and began working out on farms by the month, being thus engaged for three years. Then, deciding to follow in the footsteps of his father, he also learned the carpenter's trade, which he made his life occupation. The lady who became his wife, January 16, 1862, was Miss Mary Festerly, who was born in this township, March 4, 1840. Of the three children born to them, two are living: Bertha M., who married Homer Baughman, lives in the city of Canton; and Sarah Almeda makes her home with her parents. After his marriage, Mr. Miller rented property for five years, during which time he prosecuted his trade with vigor, and being economical, acquired a competence, and soon occupied the foremost rank among the citizens of Plain Township. His work as a contractor has not been confined to Stark County, but his reputation has extended far beyond its limits, and he has erected some of the best dwellings and blocks in Summit and Wayne Counties, besides barns which number ninety-six.

Mr. Miller is a man of excellent common sense, sagacious and wide-awake in the transaction of business, and is the owner of sixty-three acres of finely improved land, for which he paid $9,000. It is under the best cultivation, and supplied with ample buildings for every needed purpose. His present large frame residence, which was erected in 1879, is a model of beauty, and one of the finest in the section. His worldly prosperity does credit to his ability and strength of character, as when he established a home of his own he had but $63 in money, and that was expended for furniture. With his wife he belongs to the Catholic Church, of which they are active and influential members. In his political relations, he is a member of the Democratic party, and is now serving his seventh year as Township Treasurer. For ten years he occupied the responsible office of Constable, and has always taken a deep interest in whatever concerns the welfare of his township and county.

DR. GEORGE STEWART BEATTY, dentist, Canton, Ohio. If there is one infirmity of human nature more excruciatingly painful than another, it is the toothache, and yet it is one for which there is the least sympathy given. The poet of Scotland well describes this phase of the question in one of his inimitable poems. While the toothache may not be dangerous to life, it nevertheless brings misery in its train, and totally unfits the sufferer for any kind of business. The teeth should be properly cared for from childhood before decay sets in, and therefore parents should consider that they have an important duty to perform in taking their children to the dentist to have their teeth examined, so that the least symptoms of decay may be checked and the teeth preserved.

Among the prominent dentists of the city of

Canton stands Dr. George Stewart Beatty, who is a native of the Empire State, born in Pennfield, Monroe County, September 30, 1818. His father, Benjamin Beatty, was a native of New Jersey, and was reared principally in New York State, where later in life he followed the occupation of a farmer. His father, Isaac Beatty, was born in the Northern part of Ireland, but went from there to England, where he took passage for America. He was a Captain in the Revolutionary War and served faithfully from the beginning to the close. The father of our subject died when the latter was but twelve years of age. The mother was born at Kinderhook, N. Y., on the banks of the Mohawk River, and was a daughter of Jacob Vausburg, whose ancestors were from Holland. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Beatty married the second time, and received her final summons in Crawford County, Pa.

Dr. George Stewart Beatty, the eldest of four children, a daughter and three sons, passed his youth in his native county and in addition to a common-school education attended Victor Academy. He remained in his native county until twenty-two years of age, and then commenced the study of dentistry at Meadville, Pa., with Dr. Atkinson, a noted physician and dentist. The Doctor commenced his practice at Meadville, and traveled at intervals for a number of years. In 1844, he came to Canton, opened an office and practiced until 1860, when he returned to New York, locating in Chautauqua County, where he remained four years. From there he moved to Toledo, Ohio, and was engaged in the active practice of his profession for fourteen years, when he moved to Akron, this State. After practicing his profession there for five years, in May, 1885, he returned to Canton, where he purchased the fixtures of John Siddall, opened an office and continued his practice at the same stand. He is well provided with every new improved appliance for making the extraction of teeth as easy and painless an operation as possible; also preserves the natural teeth and makes to order artificial teeth.

Dr. Beatty was first married in 1838 to Miss Charlotte Whitney, of Silver Creek, N. Y., daughter of Capt. J. C. Whitney, and ten children were born to this union, five of whom attained maturity. They were as follows: William C., in the Cleveland & Canton Railroad office; Bertha A., wife of Frank Bursherd, of Toledo, Ohio; Adda married A. H. Clark, now of Washington State; Mary, wife of Edward Reardon, now of Dallas, Tex., and Ella, wife of C. Snyder, of Toledo, Ohio. The Doctor's present wife was formerly Mrs. Jennie (Crockam) Tryon. No children have been born to this marriage. In politics, the Doctor is a Republican, and his first Presidential vote was cast for William H. Harrison and his last for Benjamin Harrison. Once more his vote will be cast for a Harrison this year, 1892. He resides at No. 209 West Seventh Street.

LOUIS SCHAEFER, deceased, was one of the the leading men of Canton for many years and the city owes much of its prosperity to his untiring efforts in its behalf. He was born in the Department of the Moselle, France, and was a son of Philip and Catherine (Loehr) Schaefer. His education was acquired chiefly in his native place and he received much valuable instruction from his father, who was a teacher by profession. In 1830, he came with his parents to this country, the family locating near Osnaburg, Stark County.

Louis spent the early years of his life in this county, in clerking in a general store in Paris. Subsequently, he came to Canton and having made choice of the law as his profession, he entered the office of Griswold & Grant and was admitted to practice in 1842. From that time until his death, he was a leading attorney of the city. In the fall of 1843, by the friends of the administration of President Tyler, he was tendered the Secretaryship of the French Legation, but respectfully declined the high compliment on account of his growing law practice. He devoted himself assiduously to his profession and succeeded in placing himself among the foremost men at the Bar.

To public interests, Mr. Schaefer also gave much time. He was a member of the City Council for twelve years and served two terms as County Commissioner, the promptness and fidelity with which he performed his duty, giving him high commendation. For nine years, he was connected with the Board of Education and did much for the welfare of the public schools. In 1868, the Board saw fit to prohibit religious exercises in schools, believing that, as so many creeds and denominations were represented, and as the spirit and intention of the public school laws were adverse to the introduction, either directly or indirectly, of any religious dogmas or views, it was wise to leave the same outside of the school room. This action on the part of the Board brought forth a protest from a number of the clergymen in Canton, who wished the law rescinded. Their petition was respectfully received by the Board and replied to, point by point, by Mr. Schaefer, whose sound views on the subject were unanimously endorsed by the Board.

In the establishment of the water works system for Canton, Mr. Schaefer was the leading spirit, and he was active in securing the passage of the bill authorising County Commissioners to build court houses. The Stark County Court House was the first one erected under that law, Mr. Schaefer being a member of the Board of County Commissioners at that time. In 1866, he was the candidate on the Democratic ticket for Congress, and he represented the Seventeenth Ohio District on the commission sent to Washington to demand the release of Vallandingham.

In May, 1849, Mr. Schaefer was united in marriage with Catherine Anna, daughter of Rev. Stephen Mealy, of Savannah, Ga. To them were born three children: Mary E., wife of Judge Day; Alice L., who died in 1874, at the age of twenty-one years; and Louis M., who died in June, 1890. The mother died in 1879, and several years later Mr. Schaefer wedded Miss Helen Connyer, a native of Holmes County.

Mr. Schaefer made an excellent Secretary of the Board of Trade and, with other enterprising gentlemen, succeeded in having established in Canton several large manufacturing establishments, employing over six hundred hands, together with the mammoth watch making industry of the Dueber & Hampden Company. In 1867, he built the Schaefer Opera House and continued its manager until his last illness. He was one of the most popular managers in the country and made friends among some of the most noted theatrial people, including Edwin Forrest, Lawrence Barrett, Thomas W. Keene, Clara Morris, Mary Anderson and Margaret Mather, and such managers of repute as John Ellsler, Augustus Pitou, Brooks & Dixon and Shook & Collier.

The excellent public service of Mr. Schaefer in late years is well known to every one who has lived in or near Canton for any length of time. He was always anxious and willing to work for the benefit of the city and the promotion of its best interests. His energy was untiring and in his death Canton lost one of its most valued citizens. He enjoyed the highest respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact and his death, which occurred November 12, 1889, was mourned by many friends.

JAMES CAMPBELL. Among the noble men of Stark County, Ohio, who fulfilled their destiny and are now no more, may be mentioned James Campbell, whose walk through life was characterized by the most honorable business methods, by the keenness of his commercial instincts, by his devotion to his family, and by the interest he took in the welfare of his fellowmen. He was born at Atwater, Portage County, Ohio, March 11, 1818, and upon attaining a suitable age began learning the carpenter's trade at Massillon, during which time he laid the foundations for his future successful career. Upon completing his apprenticeship, he came to Canton and until 1848 worked at his trade with John Hoover, when he moved with his family to Madison, Wis., where he became a successful contractor and builder and erected some of the handsomest and most substantial structures of that city, which still stand

as monuments to his skill and knowledge of his calling. Among these buildings may be mentioned the State University, and some of the State Capitol buildings.

Our subject pursued his calling with vigor and success, until the call of his distressed country for troops roused every patriotic feeling within him, when he cast aside personal considerations and on the 21st of September, 1861, became a private in Company L, Third Wisconsin Cavalry. On the 14th of November following, he was made Second Lieutenant; on February 24, 1864, was made First Lieutenant, and March 9, 1865, was made Captain of Company D of the same regiment, and because of his gallant and meritorious conduct during the war was breveted as Major. At the close of the war, Mr. Campbell returned to Canton, Ohio, and entered into partnership with John R. Poyser as a builder and contractor, and the County Court House, the Eagle Block, the First Baptist Church, the Peerless Works, as well as other important contracts, were the result of their ingenuity and labor.

In 1872 he entered the lumber and planing-mill business, during which time he also carried on contracting, and the High School building on West Tuscarawas Street was erected. At the time of his death, March 27, 1892, which occurred at the age of seventy-four years and sixteen days, he was President of the Campbell Lumber Company, which he so successfully established, and which is now one of the most important industries of the city. In 1844, he was married to Miss Susan Eck, of Louisville, Ohio, whom he only survived a year and a half. During their married life five children were born to them. One child died in infancy and their only daughter died at the age of sixteen years, while they were residents of Madison, Wis., which was a great affliction to the devoted parents. Three sons: J. M., Charles B. and J. F., are living, all of whom are active and highly honored business men of Canton.

Shortly after the death of his wife, Mr. Campbell began to fail in health, and realizing the fact that the winters in the North were too severe for him, his last two winters were spent in Florida, with a brother who resided there. This had no perceptible benefit, however, and during his last trip he failed rapidly, and telegraphed to be taken home, which was done by careful and loving hands, but he only reached home, the day before his death. He was a firm believer in the Gospel of Christ, and died peacefully. He was an accomplished and polished gentleman, both by instinct and training, and possessed generous, true-hearted and hospitable instincts. He was liberal with his means and contributed to enterprises of worth, and being a man of intellect, who kept himself thoroughly posted on all the current topics of the day, his wealth was used to good advantage. A large concourse of people followed him to the grave as a mark of affection and respect to the memory of a worthy and noble man.

FREDERICK H. CARPENTER. Louisville, Ohio, is a busy little town, among whose principal industries is numbered that of the Carpenter Hosiery Company of which our subject is the manager and principal owner. Mr. Carpenter was born in York County, Me., August 5, 1836, and is a son of Albion and Esther (Spencer) Carpenter. The father was an Englishman and came from London to America when about twenty years of age. Here he married and lived until his decease. He was a manufacturer, as is our subject.

The fact that much of our subject's boyhood days were spent in and about the mills accounts for his so naturally turning in that direction. He received his education in the Academy at Tilton, N. H., spending his seventeenth and eighteenth years there. His twentieth and twenty-first years were spent in the Commercial College at Mobile, Ala. He remained in the latter State, employed in the railroad service, until the War of the Rebellion broke out; and for six months after the firing upon Ft. Sumter, and when the lines were closely drawn between the North and South, remained at his post. The owners of the railroad and the employes were mostly Northern men. The company was in arrears to the employes, and consequently the latter

were kept South longer than they would have desired. Mr. Carpenter finally left on a midnight train. Reaching Memphis, he found that he could go no farther, and so got employment in a machine shop there, working until a more favorable opportunity should present itself to go North.

While in Mobile, our subject was so patriotic that he and another Northern man agreed to spike some cannon which the rebels were getting ready to send away, but at the last moment his partner weakened, and our subject did the business himself. When arrested later at Memphis, he thought that his scheme had been discovered, but it proved to be not so. The Committee of Safety there would not allow him to leave the city, notwithstanding Jefferson Davis' proclamation that all who desired might do so. He obtained a position on the Memphis & Ohio Railroad, but was arrested by the Committee of Safety. He was thrown into prison, but was finally released.

Mr. Carpenter remained in Memphis until the capture of the city by the Northern troops, and then entered Buell's department, running trains for the Government and opening the road for the benefit of the troops. He went to Bowling Green in Maj. Fox's brigade, and with him went to Louisville under a flag of truce, passing through both armies. Returning to his native place, he made a short visit at his home and returned to Louisville, being under the direction of Gen. Rosecrans in the Railroad Division, and having charge of Rosecran's special car. He also ran a train across a spur of the Cumberland Mountains to get coal, and operated in that capacity for one year. He continued in the Government railroad service until the close of the war. While at Humboldt, Tenn., Mr. Carpenter was captured but made his escape.

After the war, our subject went to Groton, Mass., and turned his attention to farming. After spending two years there, he spent a winter in Florida. He finally purchased a manufacturing establishment at Epping, N. H., where he manufactured hosiery for a number of years. From there he came to Louisville and put in his present machinery in 1886. He is prepared to take wool directly from the farmers and work it up into the finest hosiery. The factory is closed in the winter, when its owner spends his time in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have two daughters, who are now traveling in Europe. They are Misses Aimee and Lucretia May. Both are finely educated, having had the best advantages afforded in American and European schools. Our subject is a Republican in his political convictions and affiliations, but is in no sense a politician.

JOHN JUSTICE. Intelligent, thrifty, wide-awake farmers form the greater part of the population of Stark County, and among these our subject occupies a creditable position. He is carrying on a good business as farmer and stock-raiser on section 29, Canton Township, and shows much skill, enterprise and judgment in his operations. He is prudent and cautious in his dealings, though at the same time he is wide-awake in all his transactions, which are always fair and above-board. In all the affairs of life he has conducted himself so as to win the esteem and trust of all with whom he associates.

Our subject, who is an old resident of this county, was born February 23, 1831, in Hagerstown, Md., and is the son of Claudius Justice, who was also born in that State in 1794. The grandfather, who also bore the name of Claudius, was a native of France, where he was educated for a Catholic priest. Coming to America prior to the Revolutionary War, his plans in life were altered by his falling in love with Miss Katie Stoub, whom he married, and was in consequence excommunicated. The grandfather served through the Revolutionary War and was a farmer by occupation, and a slaveholder in Hagerstown. He was a man of great wealth, and at one time lost $40,000 in Baltimore through a defective title. He later joined the Lutheran Church and died at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His good wife, who reared a family of seven daughters and three sons, died when eighty-one years of age.

The father of our subject, being reared to farm pursuits, followed the occupation of an agriculturist in his native State, where he lived and died. He also was a patriot in the War of 1812, and died at the good old age of ninety-one years. A Lutheran in religion, he took an active part in all church work, and interested himself, as every good citizen should, in whatever concerned the welfare of his native place. He was a Democrat in politics and enjoyed a good reputation in business circles. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Pollick, was also a native of Maryland, having been born in 1795. She became the mother of seven children, of whom our subject was the third in order of birth, his brothers and sisters being Andrew, Catherine, Matilda, Elizabeth and Susan. The wife and mother died when eighty-five years of age, and, like her husband, was a conscientious member of the Lutheran Church, to which denomination she had belonged since childhood. Her father, who was born in Ireland, came to the United States when a young man, where he followed the profession of school teacher until his decease.

He of whom we write received his education in his native State, and when reaching his majority began life on his own account. When nine years of age, he was taken into the home of John Wealty, and when seventeen years of age, served a three-years apprenticeship at carriage-smithing, which he followed for six months, when he then abandoned that line of work, and was engaged by the month for ten years by Mr. Wealty. August 1, 1856, he came to this county, where he was employed on farms by the month. November 13 of that year, he was married to Miss Susannah Henline, who was born in Pike Township, this county, May 25, 1834. She is the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Lieghly) Henline, natives, respectively, of Somerset County, Pa., and Summit County, this State. The father of Mrs. Justice came to Stark County when a young man of eighteen years, in 1811, and her mother located in Pike Township with her parents when ten years of age. The latter is still living at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, and remembers the time when the city of Canton contained but three log cabins. After her marriage, her parents located in a log house in the woods, where the father immediately began the improvement of his property, upon which he remained until his death, which occurred at the age of fifty-six years. His father, Cornelius Henline, crossed the mountains from Pennsylvania to this State three times. He entered land in Stark County, where he spent his remaining years and died at an advanced age. He endured many of the hardships incident to opening up a new country, as when he located here there was not a house within sight, and the surrounding country was open prairie, on which not a furrow had been turned.

To Mr. and Mrs. Justice have been born a family of nine children, four of whom are living, namely: Emma C., Loretta M., Ida S., and John W. Those deceased are Mary E., Sarah E., S. Claudius (the twin of Emma C.), Alice L., and Francis H. After his marriage, our subject lived for ten years on a farm in Pike Township, and in 1868 purchased his present property. The little dwelling which then occupied the place was supplanted in 1874 by an attractive dwelling, and his home life was made cheerful and happy by the companionship of wife and children. His property, which includes eighty-three acres, is under excellent cultivation, and his labors as a general farmer have been so well rewarded, that he is able to live in comfort and ease. His place is stocked with the best of Short-horn cattle and Oxford sheep.

May 8, 1864, our subject enlisted in the Union army, joining Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-second Regiment, and was mustered into service at Camp Chase, Columbus. Thence they were sent to Virginia, where they joined the Army of the Potomac. Our subject was soon after taken sick, and after being confined in a hospital at Columbus for three weeks, was mustered out, December 22, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Justice are both members of the German Baptist Church, and are conscientiously discharging the obligations of life. Our subject takes an active part in politics, his convictions placing him in the ranks of the Republican party, he being a strong Protectionist. Few men who have begun life without other capital than their own mental and physical abilities have

been more successful than Mr. Justice in achieving a competence and winning the favorable opinion of their fellows. It is doubtful if this section of the State can present a higher type of the architect of his own fortunes than he. Both himself and wife are held in the highest esteem by their neighbors and acquaintances, and by their social and benevolent dispositions they have become endeared to all who know them.

JOHN WEFLER. A large number of the prosperous agriculturists of Stark County are natives of lands across the sea, and are men who have begun their life's work with little or no capital, but whose natures have been so energetic, habits so industrious, and management so thrifty as to result in their financial success. One of this number is John Wefler, who is pleasantly located in Tuscarawas Township, where he has a beautiful farm, consisting of two hundred and forty acres. The land is good, the residence and other structures well built and the appointments such as belong to a first-class farm.

Mr. Wefler was born in Switzerland, March 15, 1821, and is a son of John and Susan (Glausen) Wefler, who were also natives of that country. Having heard much of the possibilities held out to young men in the New World, young Wefler, when sixteen years of age, emigrated to this country, taking passage at Havre, on a sailing-vessel, which landed him thirty-two days later in the city of New York. He was accompanied on the journey by his parents, who immediately came to Stark County, where they resided for a time and later took up their abode in Columbiana County, where they made their home for several years. Our subject, however, again came to this county, and since then has been classed among the successful agriculturists and a man whose word in all business affairs is considered as good as his bond.

Our subject after coming to the United States received a fair education in both the English and German languages, and having laid a good foundation, has been able to add to his store of information all that is necessary to enable him to carry on his affairs successfully, and to understand what is going on in the world, and in what way he can best discharge the duties of citizenship. He began to make his own way in the world immediately after coming hither, and when he finally took possession of his present home he found before him much arduous toil, as the estate was but slightly improved, and he desired to make of it one equal in value and attractiveness to those around him.

Believing that his happiness would be increased by the companionship of a good woman, Mr. Wefler was married in 1849 to Mary A. Smith, who was also born in Switzerland. To them has been born a family of ten children, namely: William H.; Sophia, Mrs. John Spuhler; Mary A., Mrs. McFerrin; Lucinda, wife of Julius Khoenle; John J.; Samuel F.; Eliza, the wife of Paul Wampler; Rosa, Mrs. Amos Wampler; Clara, and D. Wilson.

In his political sympathy, our subject is independent, and in religious affairs, with his wife, is a member of the Reformed Church. Both are held in good repute, as well they may be, being upright in their lives and agreeable in their intercourse with mankind.

SAMUEL L. CORRELL. Pleasantly located in Plain Township is a home supplied with many comforts, and the center from which the influences of a happy domestic life emanates. It is occupied by the gentleman whose name introduces this paragraph, who during the time with which he has been identified with its interests has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and has manifested the qualities of true manhood and won an honorable name among his fellow-men.

Samuel L. Correll is ranked among the prominent agriculturists of this section, and is descended from an old pioneer family in the county. He was born in Harrisburg, this State, December

25, 1852, and is a son of Samuel Correll, Sr., who was born March 10, 1815, in Adams County, Pa. Grandfather John Correll was of German descent, and was also born in the Keystone State, the date thereof being January 5, 1788. He was a farmer by occupation, and July 17, 1834, landed with his family in this county, our subject having in his possession a portion of the wagon which was used on that eventful trip. His wealth in money when arriving in this county consisted of $2,200, which was hid in a chest, and carried on the front bolster of the wagon. This old relic of pioneer times is also owned by our subject. John Correll purchased a farm in this county and, leasing another, at once began the active operations of a farmer. His property, however, was only partially developed at the time of his decease, which occurred April 15, 1859. He was a member of the Christian Church, and enjoyed the good-will of the people among whom he lived. Until 1856, he voted with the Democratic party, and on the organization of the Republican party, joined its ranks.

The grandmother of our subject bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Lind, and, like her husband she, too, was a native of Pennsylvania, and was born July 10, 1793. Her family of twelve children bore the respective names of Jacob N., Samuel, John, Catherine, Fannie, Maria, Anna E., Sarah J., Nancy, Jeremiah, Margaret and Josiah. The grandmother was also a member of the Christian Church, and died March 1, 1875.

The father of our subject was a young man in his nineteenth year on making his advent into this county, and, learning the trade of a farmer, followed it until 1864. In 1839, he established a tannery in Harrisburg, where he built up an extensive trade, shipping the greater portion of his manufactures to Cleveland. He moved on what is now the farm of our subject in 1863, having bought the interests of the other heirs three years previous. There he farmed very successfully until 1881, when, in the fall of that year, he removed to Canton, where he is living retired from active life. The lady to whom he was married, December 31, 1840, was Miss Lucetta DePuy; she was born in Pennsylvania, and was the daughter of John H. DePuy, a relative of Chauncey M. Depew of New York, but who spelled his name differently. The mother of our subject was brought to this county by her parents when quite young, and by her marriage with Samuel Correll were born seven children, of whom the following five are living: John H., William W., Emma E., Julia A., and Samuel L. Edson L. and Lucetta are deceased. The wife and mother, who died December 27, 1883, was a devoted member of the Methodist Church.

He of whom we write remained in Harrisburg until ten years of age, when he received his preliminary education in the early schools, and when eighteen years of age entered the Mt. Union College, where he took one term of the literary course. In 1870, he again became a student in that institution, this time entering the commercial department, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1871. When ready to establish a home of his own, he was married, September 22, 1881, to Miss Lena Wettach, who was born in Lake Township, this county, September 3, 1857. She was the daughter of Frederick J. and Magdalena (Bricker) Wettach, both of whom were born in the city of Berne, Switzerland. There they were married, and after becoming the parents of four children, came to America, and making their way directly to this State, located near Greensburgh, Summit County. Later, they took up their abode in this county, where Mr. Wettach plied his trade of a cabinet-maker, together with the operations of his farm. He died in Lake Township in 1879, while his good wife, who is still living, makes her home in Uniontown.

To Mr. and Mrs. Correll have been born two children, Laura and Hugh. The old home farm, of which he is the proprietor, comprises one hundred and sixty-two acres of finely-improved soil, which he is cultivating in a most profitable manner. He devotes his attention to mixed farming, and keeps on his place a good grade of all kinds of stock. He has on his estate a large frame residence, which is conveniently fitted up, together with a good barn, granary, and all the necessary buildings to be found on a first-class estate. He has carried on his work with untiring industry,

which has been seconded by sound judgment in regard to business matters, and he has, therefore, been much prospered. His political affiliations are with the Republicans, and we always find him favoring every movement that will in any way benefit the township and county.

The Correll family, which is one of the most prominent in the county, has an organized reunion every year.

GEORGE M. SNYDER. The most noteworthy footwear emporium in the city of Massillon, where can always be found an extensive and very complete assortment of everything in the footwear line, from the daintiest lady's kid shoe to the most durable brogan and strong men's walking shoe, is that of George M. Snyder. He was born on Main Street, Massillon, Ohio, on the 22d of September, 1843, and his father, Fred H. Snyder, was a native of Germany, born on the Rhine River. The grandfather, George M. Snyder, was also a native of Germany, but brought his family to America about 1830, and settled in Massillon, Ohio, where he followed the wagon-maker's trade. This business he followed until quite aged, when he retired. When about eighty years of age, he was killed by being thrown from a wagon.

When about fourteen years of age, the father of our subject came with his parents to Massillon and here learned the carpenter's trade under Hamilton Schearer. Later, he was engaged in contracting and building and erected some of the early business houses and residences. He afterward started a sawmill, planing-mill, and sash, door and blind factory under the firm name of Snyder, Mong & Co., and he was at the head of the business. Here he received an injury from which his death resulted in 1858, when he was but forty-two years of age. He was truly a self-made man, for he had very limited educational advantages and was early thrown on his own resources as his parents were poor. Nevertheless, he became a well-posted man and a fine mathematician. He was an active member of the German Lutheran Church and a leader of the choir. In politics, he was a Republican and was Trustee of the village of Massillon. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Schriver, was born in Hanover, Germany, and came with her parents to America when a little girl. They died in this country. Mrs. Snyder now resides at the old home on North Street, and although past seventy-four years of age, time has dealt leniently with her and she is hale and hearty. Nine children were the result of this union, seven sons and two daughters, of whom the sons are still living, as follows: Fred H., George M. (our subject), Jacob, Henry, Charles F., John B. and Benjamin L.

George M. Snyder, the third in order of birth of the above-mentioned children, was reared in Massillon and received his education in the Union Schools until he was fifteen years of age. He was then apprenticed at shoemaking under Sausser & Wert, and remained with this company for three years. After this, he was in Mansfield, Ohio, for four months, where he worked at his trade, and in 1862 he was employed by John Snyder, with whom he remained until the spring of 1863. He then bought out Mr. Snyder, paying $176 for the stock, $175 of which he borrowed. His business increased rapidly and he soon employed five men. In 1863, he was in the Ohio National Guards and on the 25th of May, 1864, he was mustered into the United States service in Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio National Guards, locking up his shop and shouldering his musket.

Returning from the army, he resumed business, and as his trade increased he moved to Erie Street and employed seven men. The same spring, he embarked in the boot and shoe business, employed ten and twelve men and now conducts the largest store here. In 1867, he built his brick store and in the following year located in it and conducted a reliable business. He has built up a large and fashionable trade, and there are few houses whose wares are held in such high and well-merited esteem by an appreciative and discriminating public. In 1887, Mr. Snyder built his residence at No. 320 East Main Street, and has one of the most lovely

and attractive homes in the city. He also owns other real estate and a farm of eight acres in Perry Township.

His marriage to Miss Melenda Wagoner, a native of this county, occurred on the 25th of May, 1865. Her parents, Christian and Susan Wagoner, were old settlers here and the father is still living on the old farm. The mother died December 18, 1891. Nine children have been born to our subject and wife as follows: Anna C. and Nellie J., at home; George C., who died when fourteen months old; Harry H., with his father in the store and a graduate of the High School; Otto P., a machinist with Hess, Snyder & Co.; Walter D., at home; Eva V.; Thomas H., who died when fourteen months old, and Freddie H. Mr. Snyder was a member of the City Council from the First Ward for seven years, or until he moved out of the ward, and was President of the Board for two years. He was on different committees and was active in other work to improve the city, the present sewer system being due to him and James H. McLain. Mr. Snyder was a member of the School Board for three years and then declined to serve longer. He is Director and Treasurer of the Massillon Cemetery Association, which office he has held for nine years. He is one of the most prominent and successful business men of the place and is highly regarded by all. A member of the Lutheran Church he has been a Trustee in the same since 1867. He was Chairman of the Building Committee and was Sunday-school Superintendent for a number of years. In politics, he is a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party and has been a delegate to county and State conventions.

CHARLES W. ROEPPER. As a conspicuous example of success in business pursuits in Alliance, the Solid Steel Company presents a notable instance, its business having steadily expanded from year to year since its inception. Much of its success and high position in commercial circles is due to the tireless efforts and excellent judgment of Mr. Roepper, who for ten years has occupied the position of General Superintendent. His thorough knowledge of all the details of the business, superior ability, and constant endeavors have resulted in a rapid increase of business in every department, until now the establishment reflects the highest credit upon the city and furnishes a striking example of the possibilities of business success in Alliance.

Mr. Roepper comes of distinguished parentage, his father, William T., having been a celebrated scientist, and during the latter part of his life was Professor in the Lehigh University. He emigrated to America from his native country, Prussia, about 1830, and located in Bethlehem, Pa., where, many years later, he closed his eyes to the scenes of earth. He had been highly educated in his native land, and his tastes being in the direction of scientific studies, he naturally made a specialty of that branch of learning, in which he gained wide distinction. He was fortunate in having a father who labored lovingly to impart to him a broad knowledge of scientific subjects, and his mother, who had been educated at the Ladies' Moravian Seminary, at Bethlehem, Pa., was also fitted to be his teacher and instill in his mind a love of learning.

The mother of our subject, formerly Miss B. A. Luckenbach, was born in Goshen, Ohio, in 1819, and still survives, making her home in Bethlehem, Pa. Her father, Abraham Luckenbach, was a celebrated Missionary, and during the first part of the present century labored to spread the Gospel among the Delaware Indians.

When fifteen years old, our subject was apprenticed to learn the trade of a machinist or moulder, and so rapid was the progress he made, that when eighteen, he became chemist of the Lehigh Zinc Company, at Bethlehem, Pa. During that time he took a course of three years' study in iron and steel metallurgy and chemistry, while he also supported himself by his position as chemist. At the age of twenty-three, he became chemist to the Bethlehem Iron Company, one of the most famous works in the East. Afterward he assumed the management of the Blast Furnace, at Dover, N. J.,

which he filled satisfactorily for a number of years, resigning it to take charge of the steel works of the Springfield (Ill.) Iron Company.

In the fall of 1882, Mr. Roepper came to Alliance, where, as above stated, he has since had charge of the works of the Solid Steel Company, in which he is a stockholder and Director. He is a thorough-going business man and has made many friends wherever he has been, being especially influential among iron manufacturers. He is a member of a number of prominent associations, among them the American Institute of Mining Engineers; Berzeliu's Chemical Society of Yale College; the Chemical Society of Lehigh University; the English Iron and Steel Institute; the German Iron and Steel Institute; United States Naval Institute, of Annapolis, and German Engineers' Institute, of Germany.

JOHN POORMAN. The life of a farmer may be, in a certain way, uneventful, but it is not therefore of necessity devoid of opportunity for well-doing in a financial, moral, intellectual or civil sense. On the contrary, it is as replete with chances for advancement as any calling that can be chosen, and is superior to many in this respect. This has been proved in the life of Mr. Poorman, who has made a good home for himself, has reared his family to honor and usefulness, and gained a good reputation as a man. He is one of the farmers and stock-raisers of Stark County, and is pleasantly located on section 28, Tuscarawas Township, owning one hundred and ten acres of land with good buildings.

The parents of our subject, Peter and Mary (Richard) Poorman, were natives of Pennsylvania, and his maternal uncle, Charles Richard, is said to have been a soldier in both the Revolutionary War and that of 1812. In the fall of 1828, the father of our subject, with his family, came overland with a team and wagon to this county, and located on the farm where our subject is living at the present time. During their first years here, the country round about was quite wild, but each year saw some changes for the better and increased the facilities for intercourse with other parts of the world. The family, which was a large one, now numbers four children: Susan, Mrs. Jacob Stair; Rachel, widow of Jacob Humberger; Charlotte, the widow of Joseph Hassler; and John, our subject.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch, was born in Franklin County, Pa., February 7, 1825, and during his early years conned his lessons in a log schoolhouse with a shake roof and puncheon floor. He remained at home until he was of age, then began the battle of life for himself and in a few years secured a companion and helpmate. His marriage to Miss Caroline Kelker was solemnized November 25, 1844, and by her he became the father of eight children, of whom the following seven are living: Jacob L., Margaret A., Peter L., William H., Franklin R., Charles E., and Clara F. (Mrs. Lemuel Stahl). The wife and mother departed this life in 1871, and the lady whom Mr. Poorman chose as his second companion was Mrs. Naomi A. Angstadt, the daughter of Samuel and Anna (Birchfield) Slusser. Mrs. Poorman, is a native of this county, having been born April 10, 1839. Her father is said to have been the first white child born within the limits of Tuscurawas Township. He was a well-to-do farmer, who reared a family of eight children, four of whom are deceased. Those living are Mary J., James B., Mrs. Poorman, and Leonard P.

By her first marriage with Benjamin Maxhimer, Mrs. Poorman became the mother of three children: Leonard, Harvey and Nannie, the latter the wife of John Wetzel. By her second union with Daniel Angstadt, she had one son, Robert R.

Our subject is well informed regarding local affairs, and his public spirit and enterprise correspond with his intelligence. He has served six years as County Commissioner and has been Trustee and Clerk of Tuscarawas Township, and in 1890 was elected Land Appraiser of Tuscarawas Township. During elections he casts a Democratic vote, and has labored earnestly to advance the agricultural interests of his township. Relig-

iously, he is a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, while his good wife is identified with the Methodist Episcopal denomination.

HENRY A. CAVNAH is the General Manager of the Bucher & Gibbs Plow Company, of Canton. The works of this company were established in 1864 by John R. Bucher, and were operated under a partnership name until 1886, when the business was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, with a capital stock of $250,000. This has since been increased and the capital stock of the company is now $350,000. The plant is located on East Seventh Street, near the track of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad and the Cleveland & Canton Railroad, and they do a large and constantly increasing business in the manufacture of plows. As the goods that they turn out are of excellent workmanship, they find a ready sale, and this industry has become one of the leading enterprises of Canton.

Mr. Cavnah is a native of Canton. He was born June 23, 1843, and is a son of Samuel Cavnah, who was one of the pioneer manufacturers of this city. In 1865, he removed to Indiana and engaged in the manufacture of farm implements in Bourbon until his death, which occurred on the 16th of May, 1890. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Becher and was a daughter of Henry Becher.

Our subject was educated in his native city, and at the age of eighteen enlisted in Company I, Sixty-fourth Ohio Regiment, the Hon. John Sherman commanding the brigade, which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He served for four years and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Franklin, Nashville and the Atlanta campaign. He was ever found at his post of duty, valiantly defending the old flag. At the close of the war, he was honorably discharged in Nashville, in October, 1865.

Mr. Cavnah then went to Indiana, whither his parents had removed in the meantime, and remained in the Hoosier State until 1869. He then returned to Canton and became associated with the firm of H. H. Myer & Brother, and in 1875 entered the employ of the Bucher Plow Company as bookkeeper, rendering efficient service in that capacity until 1881, when he bought an interest in the concern. Soon afterward, he was made Secretary and Treasurer, which offices he held until January, 1892, when he became General Manager.

Mrs. Cavnah was in her maidenhood Miss Sallie, daughter of Robert Van Horn, and she became the wife of our subject July 19, 1876. By their union have been born four children, viz.: Howard E., Olive, Harker and Karl.

The family has a pleasant home on South Market Street. Mr. Cavnah is a member of Nimisilla Lodge No. 39, I. O. O. F. He is also a Mason, having attained the degree of Knight Templar, and also belongs to Campand Post No. 25, G. A. R. The success of the Bucher & Gibbs Plow Company during the past few years has been largely due to the untiring efforts and efficient management of Mr. Cavnah, who is a man of pronounced business ability. During the late war, he proved himself a faithful soldier, and he is alike true to his country in times of peace, discharging every duty of citizenship with fidelity. His honorable, straightforward life has won him an enviable position in both business and social circles. He is a stanch Republican.

D. C. McDOWELL, one of the prominent farmers and old settlers of Stark County, Ohio, is well known in this vicinity and is everywhere respected for his sterling worth and upright, honorable career. He was born in Tuscarawas Township, Stark County, Ohio, on the 26th of November, 1820, and was the fourth in order of birth of thirteen children born to James and Mary (Craig) McDowell,

both natives of Washington County, Pa. The paternal grandfather, a native of Ireland, was married in his native country, and at an early day crossed to this side of the ocean. He located in Washington County, Pa., and there passed the closing scenes of his life. He reared five sons, four of whom made permanent homes in the Buckeye State, two settling in Wayne and two in Stark County.

James McDowell was reared in the county of his birth, and was there married to Miss Craig. After residing there until 1816, the productive soil of Ohio tempted them hither, and they made a settlement in Tuscarawas Township, Stark County, entering one hundred and sixty acres of Government land. On this Mr. McDowell erected a rude log house, hung a quilt at the door, and in this primitive manner began his career as a pioneer. On this farm the worthy couple passed a busy and contented life, the mother dying when forty-nine, and the father when sixty-six years of age. Their family consisted of thirteen children, six sons and seven daughters, eleven of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and four of whom are now living, as follows: Mary, widow of Joseph Fulton, of Sidney, Ohio; Lettie, widow of William Winter, resides in Kansas; and Nancy, wife of William Lyon, makes her home in Wayne County, Ohio.

The subject of our sketch is the only one of the sons now living. He was reared amid the rude surroundings of pioneer life, and grew to sturdy manhood upon terms of familiarity with all kinds of farm labor. In boyhood he attended the log schoolhouse and after growing up he remained with his parents until his marriage, which occurred on the 18th of May, 1843 to Miss Margaret Porter, a native of Wayne County, Ohio. The sad event of her death took place on the 30th of October, 1870, when still a comparatively young woman. Six children were the fruits of this union, three sons and three daughters, as follows: Madison, Elva, Logan and Era are deceased. Orrin resides at home with his father; and Eva, wife of E. E. Shilling, resides in Lawrence Township, this county.

When our subject located on his present property, it had a very different appearance from its now prosperous aspect, very little having been cleared and, the only buildings were a dilapidated brick house and a log barn. This is one of the finest farms in the township, and he erected his present commodious and substantial two-story residence in 1870, at a cost of $3,000. He has a fine bank barn, also other necessary buildings, and everything about the place indicates that a progressive hand is at the helm. He is engaged in stock-raising in connection with farming and is still a hard-working man, his early habits still clinging to him although well-to-do. He is an active Republican in politics, and a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church.

MOSES CLAY is the most extensive landholder in Jackson Township, Stark County, and is a product of the section in which he now resides, for here he was born November 27, 1823. His father, Isaac Clay, was a Pennsylvanian, and came direct from his native State to Stark County, Ohio, in 1804, at which time Canton consisted of about six houses. He took up eighty acres of land in Plain Township, on which he remained until 1812, when he removed to Jackson Township, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 29, for which he paid $2 per acre. There he erected a log cabin, 12x14 feet, and that farm was the scene of his active labors for the remainder of his life. He was a Whig in politics. His death, which occurred in 1852, was deeply lamented by a large circle of acquaintances. His father, David Clay, was a Pennsylvanian also, of Welsh descent. In 1810, Isaac Clay was married in Plain Township to Miss Mary Pennock, who was born in Connecticut, and removed with her parents to Virginia when she was a small girl. Her father, William Pennock, is supposed to have been born in Connecticut and was descended from English ancestors. His wife lived to be ninety-six years of age.

To Isaac and Mary Clay seven children were born, six sons and one daughter, all of whom at-

tained manhood and womanhood and reared families of their own: William, John, Isaac, Solomon; Alice, wife of Thomas Hartness, of Portland, Oregon; Moses, our subject; and Oliver, of Portland. The scholastic education of Moses Clay was acquired in the old log schoolhouse of early times, in which he acquired a fair knowledge of the "three R's." Like a dutiful son, he remained with his parents until he attained his majority, and on the 25th day of August, 1850, was married to Miss Catherine Madison, who was born in Baltimore, Md., August 9, 1832. Otis Madison, her father, was born in New Hampshire, and was a "delineator," being the first man in America to invent a system of cutting gentlemen's clothing by rule. He did an extensive business in New York City, Buffalo and Detroit. He was exceptionally skilled in his calling, and not only traveled extensively throughout the United States, but also went to France twice in the interests of his business. For a time he was editor of a men's fashion-plate journal and was widely known. He died in Buffalo, N. Y., at the age of sixty-five years. He was married to Elizabeth Boyden, of South Carolina, in which State she was reared and where she owned a number of slaves at one time. Her father was a lawyer of considerable prominence and died from the rupture of a blood-vessel while pleading a case.

Mrs. Clay was left motherless at the age of six years, and two years later came to Massillon to make her home with her uncle, Noah Madison. That gentleman was born in 1801 and died in 1886. He was the first maker of edged tools in Stark County, and was a gentleman of prominence. Mrs. Clay was one of the pupils in the first Union School in Ohio, and received a good education. She is a lady of exceptional intelligence, and from her Southern ancestors inherits that ease, grace and dignity for which the women of the Sunny South are famous. She is a devoted wife and mother and an earnest and faithful friend.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Clay located on their present farm, where their five sons and four daughters were born: Mary, who died at the age of three months; Ella, wife of Jackson Pontius, the Superintendent of the Infirmary of Stark County; Harvey; Otis M.; Frank, who lives on the old Isaac Clay homestead in Jackson Township; Edward, of Canton; Emma, wife of W. J. Pontius; Mary D. and Marshall F. Mr. Clay owns a valuable farm of three hundred and fifty acres in Jackson Township, which is the largest piece of land in one body owned by a single individual in the township. It is one of the most fertile tracts in the county, and under Mr. Clay's able management, it has been made to yield abundant harvests. He is a practical general farmer and stock-raiser, and is deservedly ranked among the foremost agriculturists of his section. Of late years he has taken much interest in the raising of Jersey cattle, of which breed he now has seventeen head. He is a member of the Grange, and politically is a Republican. In disposition, he is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, and the high esteem in which he is held by his neighbors and acquaintances speaks in eloquent terms as to his many amiable and sterling traits and characteristics.

JOSEPH A. LINVILLE is Secretary of the C. Aultman & Co. Manufactory, of Canton, Ohio. He was born in Lancaster County, Pa., near Gap Postoffice, on the 27th of April, 1843, and was the second of four children, whose parents were William D. and Margaret (Hoar) Linville. The paternal grandfather, Benjamin Linville, was of Scotch and English extraction. He was a carpenter and farmer by occupation, and in religious faith was a Quaker. The Hoar family is of German and English descent. In 1845, William Linville and his family removed in a wagon to Champaign County, Ohio, locating upon a farm, where the parents of our subject still reside, the father being in his seventy-sixth year, while the mother is seventy-one years of age. They are members of the Society of Friends, and are highly respected people.

The subject of this sketch was only about two

years old when brought by his parents to the Buckeye State. The days of his boyhood and youth were spent upon his father's farm, and in the common schools he acquired his early education. At the age of seventeen, he left the parental roof and entered the Normal School in Urbana, Ohio, subsequently teaching school during the winter season. In 1876, our subject entered the employ of C. Aultman & Co., as Local Agent at Urbana. The same year he traveled in Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota in their interest. In 1877, he accepted the general agency of the company for Illinois with headquarters four years at Galesburg and two years at Peoria. January 1, 1883, he removed to Canton, became a stockholder in the company, took charge of the sales department, superintended the general and local agents, and managed the disposal of the company's products. In 1887, he was elected Secretary of the company, which responsible position he still holds. The company engages in the manufacture of threshing-machines, stackers and sawmills, and has an extensive trade, selling in almost every State in the Union, and also shipping largely to foreign countries. The works, grounds and lumber-yards occupy twenty-five acres.

On the 19th of February, 1867, Mr. Linville was united in marriage with Miss Martha J. Guthridge, of Cleveland, Ohio, a native of Champaign County, and a daughter of John C. and Abigail O. Guthridge. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Linville have been born four children, as follows: Nettie, now the wife of J. Arthur Coburn, of Canton; Benjamin J., Hattie M. and Estelle.

During the late war, Mr. Linville manifested his loyalty to the Government by enlisting in 1864, and was subsequently elected Orderly-Sergeant of Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Infantry, under the command of Col. A. B. Armstrong. He was disabled in the service, and was honorably discharged. He now holds membership with Canton Post No. 25, G. A. R. He has always taken an interest in political affairs, and being a stalwart Republican, is recognized as an influential member of the party in the State. He served as Alderman from the First Ward, and is now President of the City Council. In addition to his other business interests, he is Vice-president of the Gold Ball Mining Company, and in 1891 was President of the Board of Trade of Canton.

Mr. Linville is a man of excellent business ability, sagacious and far-sighted, and by his own efforts has worked his way upward to the responsible position he now fills. He ranks high in business circles, and is regarded by all who know him as an honorable, upright man.

CHARLES O. HEGGEM. There is in the business world only one kind of man who can successfully combat the many disadvantages and trials and come boldly to the front, and that is the man of superior intelligence and force of character, one who is also the happy possessor of that energy that seems somehow to be the magic wand that transforms a poor beginning into a flattering ending. To this class belongs Charles O. Heggem, who is General Superintendent of Russell & Co.'s Works.

Our subject is a native of Norway, having been born in Bergen, November 29, 1851, and is the son of Ole Heggem, who was born about one hundred and fifty miles north of that place, April 9, 1832. Grandfather Axel Heggem was born in Bergenstift in 1787, and was a farmer by occupation. He was a soldier in the war with the Swedes from 1807 to 1814. The father of our subject was a pattern-maker in the shops of his native place. He emigrated to America with his family in 1868, and took up his residence in Chicago, where he still resides. The maiden name of his wife, the mother of our subject, was Johanna Mucklebust; she was also a native of Bergenstift, and was a daughter of Knut Mucklebust, who was a farmer near Bergen.

Charles O. Heggem of this sketch was the eldest in the parental family of ten children, five of whom are deceased. He was educated in the Latin schools of his native place, and when fourteen years of age served three years' apprenticeship in

the Bergen Machine Works. He accompanied his parents on their removal to America in 1868, sailing from Stavanger on the sailing-vessel "Atlanta" on its first trip to Quebec. Thence they went to Chicago, where our subject was employed in the Chromatic Printing Press Works for two years. From there he came to Salem, this State, and engaged for a number of years with the Buckeye Engine Company, and when leaving its employ occupied the position of foreman.

In the spring of 1884, our subject came to Massillon as foreman of Russell & Co.'s Machine Shops, serving as such for several years, when he was gradually advanced to Superintendent of the entire establishment. Since entering their employ, the firm has engaged in the building of an automatic engine, on which our subject has made many improvements and patents, which he has turned over to the interests of Russell & Co.

In 1872, Charles O. Heggem and Miss Rebecca Boe were united in marriage. The lady was born in Stavanger, Norway, and came with her parents. Knut and Mary Boe, to Salem in 1870, where her father was engaged in the manufacture of stoves. To our subject and his wife have been born three children: Oscar E., Alfred G. and Chalmer R. Mr, Heggem, socially, is a Knight Templar, being Generalissimo of Massillon Commandery No. 4. He belongs to Clinton Lodge No. 47, F. and A. M., and to Hiram Chapter Royal Arch Masons. In politics, he is a true-blue Republican, and occupies a high position in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, of which he has been a member since 1889.

JACOB HAWK is one of the leading German citizens of Canton, and a man of sterling worth, which is indicated by the fact that for a quarter of a century he has been an employe in the C. Aultman & Co.'s Works. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, June 27, 1825, and is a son of Michael P. and Elizabeth Hawk, both of whom were natives of Germany. In 1832, they bade good-bye to the Fatherland, and sailed for America, landing in New York City after a voyage of forty days upon a sailing-vessel. From the Eastern metropolis, they came direct to Stark County, Ohio, locating in Sugar Creek Township, where Mr. Hawk carried on general farming and stock-raising until his death, which occurred in 1855. His wife survived him seven years, when she too passed away. They were the parents of four sons, but our subject is the only survivor and the youngest of the family.

Jacob Hawk was a lad of seven summers when he came with his parents to Ohio. He attended school two years in his native land, and after coming to Stark County, conned his lessons in a log schoolhouse, such as were common on the frontier. His training at farm work was not as limited as his educational privileges, and he remained at home assisting in the cultivation of his father's land until he had attained his majority. As a companion and helpmate on life's journey, he chose Miss Maria Lebold, of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, their union being celebrated in 1846. The lady is a native of Germany and a daughter of Conrad Lebold.

The young couple began their domestic life in Sandy Township, Tuscarawas County, where Mr. Hawk, with characteristic energy, carried on general farming until 1861. He came that year to Canton and entered the C. Aultman & Co.'s Works, with which he has been connected up to the present time. He possesses much mechanical genius, and can adapt himself to the work performed in almost every department. He has made many inventions for the improvement of the different kinds of machinery used in the works, and has secured some twelve patents.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hawk have been born a son and daughter, Philip and Elizabeth. Our subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his family are Evangelical Lutherans. They reside at No. 142 South Cleveland Avenue, and their pleasant home is the abode of hospitality. In addition to his home, Mr. Hawk owns considerable farming land in the State of Kansas. As his financial resources have increased, he has made judi-

cious investments, and now owns some valuable real estate. In politics, he is conservative, and generally votes with the Republican party, by which he was elected Alderman. He was a member of the City Council at the time of the construction of the Canton Water Works. Mr. Hawk is a man of more than average ability, and is an intelligent and well-informed man, popular among his business associates and in social circles.

HENRY HOUTZ is well known and honored in Stark County, not only as a representative of the family whose name has been connected with this portion of Ohio from the very earliest days of its settlement to the present, but for the part he has taken in its development and for his worth as a man and a citizen. He is one of the prominent and wealthy farmers of Canton Township, where he has a well-regulated farm of eighty-five acres on section 2. He is a native of the county, born here in pioneer times December 24, 1843, on his father's homestead on section 23.

He of whom we write from early boyhood has been engaged in agricultural pursuits and has borne an honorable part in developing the farming interests of this township, and now is the proprietor of an excellent farm. He received the rudiments of his education in the district school, but gained the greater part of his knowledge by reading and experience. When twenty-three years of age, he began life for himself, and September 10, 1865, was married to Miss Susannah L. Brenner, who was born September 11, 1844, in Lancaster County, Pa. They became the parents of one child, a daughter, Mary, who married Albert Eigher and resides in Canton.

After his marriage, Mr. Houtz of this sketch rented land for a time, and after living for five years on the old Brenner homestead came to this section in 1874, where he purchased land, and the following year built his present large brick residence and barn, the latter of which is 75x44 feet in dimensions. His estate is pleasantly located just two miles from the Court House, and is in a good condition as regards its tillage and productiveness. Mr. Houtz is a man of progressive ideas and good business ability, to which is added an amount of energy which carries his enterprises forward rapidly, and which has increased his worldly prosperity. He is engaged in mixed farming and enjoys a high personal standing throughout the county, and has many true friends among his fellow-citizens, with whose interests his own have been identified for so long a period.

Politically, our subject is a Republican, but in all local issues votes independently. In an early day, he operated a threshing-machine on the ground that is now occupied by buildings in the heart of Canton, and has thus been an eye-witness of the wonderful development of this section, which he has aided to bring about by hard labor. He has always displayed a zealous interest in the welfare of his township, and his honesty and truthfulness have never been questioned, and in all business transactions his word is as good as his bond.

REV. GEORGE W. BROWN, of Stark County, was born at Bascom, Seneca County, Ohio, on the 13th of December, 1840, to the union of Jacob C. and Sarah (Price) Brown. The father was a native of Louisville, Ohio, born about 1814, and was of German extraction. His early life was passed on a farm in Stark County, and he was there married to our subject's mother, who was also a native of Stark County, born about 1817. Early in life the father learned the trade of plasterer, bricklayer and stonemason, and probably moved to Seneca County, Ohio, shortly after marriage, for two children, older than our subject, were born there.

The mother's health failing and the father finding it hard to provide for his family, our subject

was thrown on his own resources at an early day and went to live with a farmer, Daniel Tombaugh, who resided near West Independence, Hancock County, Ohio. Soon after going there, his mother died. At that time he was about seven years of age and he was brought up by Mr. and Mrs. Tombaugh, as was also his youngest brother, Alvin M., who was then four years old. His home remained in Hancock County until 1855, and as Mr. Tombaugh had no children of his own, he was very anxious that our subject and his brother should be well educated. He planned that the former should be a minister and the latter a doctor, and the boys were given every advantage the common schools of Hancock County afforded.

When young Brown was fifteen years of age, Mr. Tombaugh sold out and moved to Stark County, Ohio, and located three-fourths of a mile from Louisville, where our subject attended school, part of the time in the country schools and part of the time in town. He there laid the foundation for his subsequent prosperous career, for he received a thorough training in the common branches. In the year 1858 or 1859, he went to Greensburgh, Ohio, with a view to preparing for the ministry. Previous to this, when sixteen years of age, he became identified with the Evangelical Association at Good Hope Church, and he now in good earnest began to think of preparing for the ministry. In the summer of 1860 and fall and winter of that year and the following year, he taught school in what is now known as the Snyder District.

In 1861, Mr. Brown went to Bryan, Williams County, Ohio, to visit a sister, Mrs. Eliza Green, and while there the call came for seventy-five thousand volunteers. On the 20th of April, 1861, at the first opportunity, he enlisted in Company G, Fourteenth Ohio Infantry, and was mustered in at Cleveland, where his company remained a few weeks. From there they went to West Virginia, and our subject was first under fire at Phillippi, under Col. Steadman, who afterward became General. The next engagement was at Bealington, under Gen. Milroy, and they followed the Confederates without their usual supply of clothing and provisions. At night they had nothing but a piece of hardtack. Our subject succeeded in getting a rubber overcoat which partly covered his body, for it rained all night. They started after the Confederates the next morning without breakfast and overtook them at Carrick's Ford, where, after a hard-fought battle, the enemy was overpowered. They captured the rebel supply, but got nothing to eat until noon next day.

Returning to Bealington, our subject suffered more with hunger than he did during any subsequent time he was in service. Soon after the company returned home, at the expiration of the term of enlistment, our subject went to Williams County, where he remained four weeks. He then re-enlisted for three years in Company K, Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry, and went into camp at Camp Latta, at Napoleon, Ohio. Later, he was at Camp Chase and then at Ft. Donelson, where he suffered intensely with cold. Once he built a fire, but was ordered to put it out and did so. However, as soon as the officer was gone, he built enough to keep his feet warm. His next engagement was at Shiloh, and he was in Gen. Lew Wallace's brigade which saved Gen. Grant's army at that battle. After this our subject was at Bolivar and Matamoras, and at the latter place saw his first shell from the enemy. Like many others, he dodged it, and afterwards found that it was a quarter of a mile away from him. He was in the siege of Vicksburg, was through it all, and assisted in breaking the levee to turn the water into Louisiana. He was at the battle of Thompson's Hill, where they charged the enemy just at nightfall and drove them out. He was under Gen. Logan at the battle of Raymond, and afterwards at Jackson, Champion Hills and Black River. At Vicksburg Mr. Brown re-enlisted as a veteran, went across the Mississippi, and took part in the battle at Baker's Creek. Returning to Vicksburg, he obtained a veteran furlough for thirty days and went home, where he spent part of the time in Stark and part of the time in Williams County.

Returning to his command, Mr. Brown was at the front in Big Shanty. Soon after, he had the opportunity of watching a battle without being engaged in it, and was so situated that he could watch the approach of both armies. After this he

was in many skirmishes until the army reached Atlanta, where our subject was out as a skirmisher and unconsciously saved his life by stepping back just as a bullet passed along his vest. He was chased by the enemy, but managed to escape by hiding. He had still another narrow escape from injury at Atlanta, a ball passing through one of his stockings. Mr. Brown was with Gen. Sherman in his march to the sea, and from Savannah went to South Carolina, where he was appointed to take charge of a forage detail, having command of the same for five months, or until the close of the war. He had many narrow escapes but was ever ready for duty. After cessation of hostilities, our subject took part in the Grand Review at Washington, and was mustered out at Louisville, Ky. He enlisted as a private, but just before reaching Atlanta he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

After the war was over Mr. Brown returned to Stark County, Ohio, and soon began to prepare for the ministry by a course of private reading. On the 27th of January, 1867, he was married to Miss Sophia J. Grant, a distant relative of Gen. U. S. Grant, her grandfather and Gen. Grant's father being second cousins. She was born in Stark County, Ohio, near Alliance, January 14, 1845, and was a daughter of Stacy and Mary (Schaffer) Grant. The March following his marriage Mr. Brown entered the conference, and was assigned to a charge at Dempseytown, Venango County, Penn., where he remained two years. From there he went to Oil City, where he remained one year; next at Linesville, Penn., two years, and then on the Stark Circuit of Stark County one year. After this he was at Southington, Trumbull County, Ohio, two years; East Liberty, Summit County, Ohio, three years, and while there was sent as a delegate two years in succession to the General Board of Missions. After leaving Liberty, he went on the Venango Circuit, Clarion County, Penn., remained there two years, and was sent as a delegate to the General Conference at Chicago.

Later, Rev. Mr. Brown moved to Des Moines, Iowa, was pastor there for one year, and broke down at that place with rheumatism. Thinking to improve his health, he went to Manley Junction, and later his friends sent him to Hot Springs, Ark., where he soon got better. Returning to his charge, he soon grew worse again, and was obliged to return to his home in Stark County. He gradually improved in health and went to Shenango, Mercer County, Pa., where he remained two years, and from there to South Fork in the Alleghany Mountains, where he was almost entirely cured of the rheumatism. While there he was near the dam above Johnstown, and at the time the dam broke was standing watching it. He is the author of a description of the scene, but this piece was much mutilated by the type-setter. Mr. Brown's wife and daughter had just been in the valley to request some friends to move out, and had left the valley but a few minutes when the awful flood came down. Our subject's only son, Frank D. Brown, a young man of twenty, went to work in Johnstown after the flood, took sick with typhoid fever and died there, thus sacrificing his bright young life for the benefit of others.

Mr. Brown was at South Fork for two years after the Johnstown flood, and then went to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was pastor of Fulton Street Evangelical Church one year. He was then elected Presiding Elder of Pittsburgh District, and moved to his present home. While in Pittsburgh he was appointed a delegate to the General Conference at Philadelphia. In 1890, he was appointed a member of a committee of three to go to Cleveland to bring suit against the publisher of the Evangelical Publishing House, and the first decision was in favor of the plaintiff. He was again reappointed, in 1891, as a member of a committee on litigation by the General Conference. Mr. Brown has taken a prominent part in this litigation, and he has written a number of articles in reference to it. He took stock and was a Director in the Evangelical Publishing Company of Harrisburg, Pa.

Our subject's marriage was blessed by the birth of two children. Frank D. Brown, born at Dempseytown, Pa., December 12, 1868. He was a good scholar, but had not finished his course at the time of his death, October 29, 1889. He was an unusually bright, intelligent boy, and was beloved by all. The other child, a daughter, is

named Iva E. She was born at Southington, Trumbull County, Ohio, June 16, 1873. Our subject's benefactor, Daniel Tombaugh, died on the 5th of August, 1891, and Mr. Brown was left his sole heir. The eldest sister of our subject, Mrs. Martha Hallis, is a widow and resides in Iowa. His next sister, Mrs. Eliza Green, resides in Bradford, Ark., and his next youngest brother, William H., is a bachelor and served three years in the war. He is at present located at Springdale, Oklahoma Territory. The youngest brother, Alvin, M., enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Infantry, and was killed in a charge at Chancellorsville.

JOSEPH BIECHELE, President and Manager of the Joseph Biechele Soap Company, President of the Berger Manufacturing Company, Vice-president of the Central Savings Bank and President of the *Ohio Volk Zeitung*, is one of the prominent and influential citizens of Canton. He is well and favorably known throughout the State of Ohio and adjoining States as well. He was born in Baden, Germany, March 19, 1833, and is the youngest of four sons and two daughters.

The father of our subject, Leopold Biechele, was a soap manufacturer and carried on that business in Baden until his death, which resulted from typhoid fever in 1835. The same time several children of the family died. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Caroline Egly, continued to reside in her native land until 1847, when, with a son and two daughters, she emigrated to America, landing in New Orleans, whence with her family she started for Cincinnati, Ohio, where she had a sister living. The vessel on which she took passage began racing with another boat, and near Natchez the pressure of steam was so great that the heads of the cylinders were blown off, and she and her daughter, together with sixty-five others, were killed in the explosion. The son Charles and the other sister had gone on deck a few minutes before the accident, and were saved.

Our subject was thus left an orphan at a very early age, his father dying when he was two and his mother when he was but ten years old. He remained in his native land after his mother started for America, and attended school between the ages of six and thirteen years, acquiring a good knowledge of grammar, Latin and the common branches. On leaving school, he entered the employ of a grain dealer, with whom he remained until eighteen years of age, when he emigrated to the United States in 1851, landing in New York City. He came direct to Canton, and went to work with his brother, Charles Biechele, who was engaged in the manufacture of candles. In 1853 and 1854, he was employed in a soap factory in Cincinnati, and paid the soap-boiler to teach him the process of making soap. After about eighteen months, he returned to Canton and formed a partnership with his brother in the manufacture of soap, which they continued for four years. They began operations on a small scale in connection with the manufacture of candles, and continued the business until 1858, when it was run for ten years under the firm name of C. Biechele & Bro.

In 1868, our subject bought out his brother and carried on the work successfully under his own name until 1888, when the Joseph Biechele Soap Company was established, his son-in-law, E. Reinkendorf, being admitted to partnership. The company manufactures some twenty-eight different brands of soap, the Banner Soap for the laundry having the largest sale. They also manufacture a number of choice toilet soaps, and the Horse Brand Coach Castile Soaps are also very popular. The firm sells to the jobbing and retail trade. Both gentlemen are well-known business men, and the firm has the confidence and goodwill of its many patrons. They are now established in a large two-story brick building, the machinery run by steam power and employment is furnished to twenty-seven men and girls.

Mr. Biechele was married, in 1868, to Miss Abby Barnard, a native of Canton and a daughter of

J. B. Barnard. They have one son and four daughters: Bertha, Ida, Minnie, Anna and Joseph. In connection with his other business interests, Mr. Biechele is President of the Ohio Publishing Company, Vice-president of the Central Savings Bank of Canton, and President of the Berger Manufacturing Company. He was also President of the Pioneer Society for six years, President of the St. Joseph's Aid Society, President of the Concordia Society, and a member of the Board of Health several years. In March, 1892, he was appointed by Gov. McKinley one of the Trustees of the Ohio Asylum for the Blind in Columbus. In speaking of this appointment, the *Evening Repository* says: "Men of all political parties in Eastern Ohio, where Mr. Biechele is best known, will bear testimony to his eminent fitness and the good judgment that must have prompted his appointment."

Our subject, his wife and family are members of St. Peter's Catholic Church. They have a handsome and commodious brick residence, which is richly and tastefully furnished and situated in the midst of attractive surroundings, at No. 140 South Market Street. In politics, Mr. Biechele votes independent in local matters, but in State and National elections supports the Democratic party. He is a gentleman of the highest integrity and business qualifications, and by his industrious efforts, well-directed energies and the application of correct business principles has acquired a handsome property.

SOLOMON KEASEY probably enjoys as extensive an acquaintance and rejoices in the good-will of as many friends as any man in Stark County. He is numbered among the old residents of Plain Township, where he at present makes his home, and is conducting his affairs as an agriculturist according to the best methods, and displaying honor in all his transactions. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Franklin County, November 19, 1818, where also his father, John Keasey, was born. The latter gentleman was of German descent and a farmer by occupation, owning two hundred and thirty acres of excellent land in his native county, which he farmed extensively. He was a fine representative of the self-made man, as in early life he was thrown upon his own resources, but through indomitable courage and an invincible determination he rose from an humble position to affluence and wealth. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, and died when at the advanced age of seventy years. Politically, he was reared a Whig and adhered to that party during his life.

Our subject's mother bore the maiden name of Barbara Hammond, and, like her husband, she too, was born in Franklin County, Pa. Of the nine children born of her union with John Keasey, the following eight grew to manhood and womanhood: John, Barbara, Jacob, Mary, David, Susannah, Jane and Solomon, of whom four are still living. Mrs. Keasey was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church.

Solomon Keasey of this sketch remained under the parental roof until reaching his twenty-fifth year, when, in 1843, he was married to Miss Margaret Hammond, also a native of the Keystone State. She came with her parents to this State, and on returning to Pennsylvania on a visit, there met and married our subject. Mr. Keasey came to this locality in 1847, and purchasing property in Plain Township, here resided for ten years, when he disposed of his tract and purchased the farm where he is at present residing, and which was the farm of his father-in-law. He is a man of exceptional intelligence, uses his brains as well as his muscles in conducting his farming operations, and consequently has achieved a marked success and ranks among the best agriculturists in this portion of the county. His estate, which comprises eighty-six and one-half acres, is adorned with a handsome brick residence, which is conveniently arranged, neat in all its appointments and tastefully furnished. Among the numerous farm buildings is a large frame barn, which affords ample accommodation for the large quantity of grain which he raises and the stock which it shelters.

Mrs. Keasey is a lady of an amiable disposition

and has many other fine traits of character which endear her to all who know her. She possesses an earnest, religious nature, and with her husband is a valued member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically, our subject votes the Republican ticket, and has served frequently in official positions, having been a member of the School Board for eleven years and Road Supervisor for thirteen years. His liberality and public spirit are shown by his warm support of whatever will tend to increase the prosperity of his township and county, or will elevate their social and moral status.

JOHN F. GROSSKLAUS. Our subject is the senior member of the well-known drug firm of Grossklaus & Ricksecker, of Navarre, and he is a leading and influential citizen in the town. He is a native of Switzerland, and was born January 18, 1827. He is a son of John and Barbara Grossklaus, who, when our subject was about six years of age, emigrated to America, making the change in 1833.

The journey across the ocean was made in a sailing-vessel, the Grossklaus family taking passage at Havre. After a voyage of forty-seven days' duration, they landed in New York City, but did not make a stay of any length there, coming on directly to this city. The family settled on a farm in Sugar Creek Township, being among the earliest settlers in that vicinity. Our subject was reared to manhood's estate in that locality, and until fifteen years of age remained on the farm. He then entered the employ of Dr. J. L. Leeper, formerly of Navarre, in the capacity of drug clerk. He remained with him for about three years, and then went into the photograph business.

After continuing his work as a photographer for thirteen years, part of which time was spent in Navarre and part in Massillon, our subject launched into the drug business in partnership with Mr. Ricksecker, beginning in 1871. They have since continued together, and it is a somewhat remarkable fact that the twenty-one years of the firm's association have been perfectly harmonious and pleasant.

Our subject received his education in the district schools in the vicinity of his home, but has taken every advantage which has come in his way for self-development, and he is considered a very intelligent gentleman. For two years, he served as Trustee of Bethlehem Township, and has also been Trustee of Sugar Creek Township. He was Treasurer of Navarre Corporation for three years. Our subject is a Republican in politics and, fraternally, is a Mason.

During the war, Mr. Grossklaus was in the one hundred days' volunteer service. He was detailed to duty as Hospital Steward at the Western Barracks, at Covington, Ky. He was out some four months and received as compensation $12 per month. He responded to the call of Gov. Todd and was among the minutemen, or what were familiarly known as the "Squirrel Hunters." For two weeks he operated between Covington and Cincinnati in this capacity. He is a member of Miller Post, G. A. R., at Navarre, and is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; he is also associated with the Ohio State Pharmacists, being one of the oldest men in the American Pharmaceutical Association, which was organized in 1852, his membership beginning in 1859. He claims to be the third oldest member in the Association.

THOMAS REES MORGAN, SR., President and Treasurer of the Morgan Engineering Company, of Alliance, is one of the most influential men of Stark County, and has been prominently identified with its upbuilding. He was born in Penydarren, Merthyr Tydvil, Glamorganshire, Wales, March 31, 1834, and is the youngest son and only survivor in a family of six children, whose parents were Rees and Margaret

(Lewis) Morgan. He was sent to school until eight years of age, when he worked first as a door-boy and afterward as a teamster for his father, a coal-mining contractor. His father then found him so proficient and reliable that he gave him a trustworthy position before filled only by those of much more mature years.

When ten and a half years of age, our subject was caught between some loaded coal cars, dragged under them and fearfully mangled, but by the tender nursing of his practical, devoted and loving mother, he was fully restored, having lost only the left leg below the knee. His father, who had been employed for about thirty-eight years as a servant of the Iron and Mining Company, was advised to give his son a higher education, the company offering to give him the best opportunities they could to meet his wishes. He was then sent to school and was a student under some of the best instructors and most prominent teachers of his native land. At a very early age, he developed a fondness for mechanics, and before he was fourteen he left school to learn a trade. This was in opposition to the purposes of his parents and friends. He became a machinist, and for five years was in the Penydarren Iron Works, in his native town. He then entered the Dowlais Iron Works, at that time the largest in the world, and during the several years which he spent there the Bessemer process of steel-making had some of its first trials, Mr. Morgan preparing some of the machinery. Subsequently, he obtained a more desirable position, and for five years more was a machinist in Wales.

At length, imbued with a love of liberty, Mr. Morgan bade good-bye to his friends, crossed the Atlantic and, with his family, landed in this country April 15, 1865. For a short time, he was employed in the shops of the Lackawanna & Bloomsburgh Railroad, and then in the Cambria Iron Works, of Johnstown, Pa. He afterward filled important positions in Pittsburgh, where, in February, 1868, he embarked in the manufacture of steam hammers and other special lines of machinery. His business rapidly increased and in August, 1871, he removed with the works to Alliance, Ohio, where he has carried on business on an extensive scale continuously since. Employment is furnished to about six hundred men, and these works are among the best in the United States. They manufacture steam hammers, power and hydraulic punching and shearing machinery, and many kinds of cranes. From these works was sent a thirty-ton steam hammer, more than twice the size of that which had hitherto been considered the largest in this country. They also made one of the largest cranes in the world, it being used in the United States Navy Yard in Washington, D. C. Their goods are sold all over the country and, being first-class, find a ready market.

On the 4th of July, 1856, Mr. Morgan married Elizabeth, daughter of John Nicholas, of Wales, and unto them were born twelve children, six yet living. In the shops are now employed John, who is Chief Engineer; Thomas R., Secretary and General Manager; William Henry, who is Assistant and Chief Electrician; Edwin and Arthur.

Mr. Morgan is a most indefatigable worker, and has not only won success for himself, but is continually doing something to aid others, especially those in his employ. Among his workmen one of the finest bands in Ohio has been organized. Mr. Morgan is strongly American in feeling, and does all in his power to produce the same feelings in his employes, who have for him the highest regard. He is a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Iron and Steel Institue and the Mechanical Engineers of Great Britain. He has been in the front rank of all public improvements and a willing co-operator in all good works. He has been a member of the Council, was elected to the State and National Convention, is President of the Board of Trade, a member of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Union College, Director of the Alliance Banking Company, and Supreme President of the new Order of Adelphia, with headquarters at Alliance. He is now nominee for Congress in the Eighteenth Ohio, or the McKinley District, which comprises the counties of Stark, Columbiana and Mahoning, three of the leading counties in the State.

The Morgan Gymnasium, named in his honor, is the handsomest of the college buildings in Alli-

ance. It was erected chiefly through the influence and liberality of our subject, together with Richard Brown, of Youngstown, and Lewis Miller, of Akron, Ohio. The building, of pressed brick, two stories in height, with a basement, is 50x70 feet, built in Gothic style, and has a fine tower, wherein a telescope will be placed. Mr. Morgan is distinguished for his many excellent personal qualities, as well as for his remarkably successful career. By perseverance, enterprise, business sagacity and moral integrity, he has become one of the leading men in his line of business in the United States and has attained to a position of wealth, honor and influence.

A. G. BIECHELE is one of the oldest business men in Canton. He was born in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, November 14, 1828, and is a son of Lieobold and Caroline (Eckley) Biechele, natives of Germany. Our subject's father died in his native land. His mother died in a steamboat disaster at Natchez, Miss., of which a full account is given in the sketch of Charles Biechele, a brother of Mr. A. G. Biechele, in another portion of this volume.

Our subject was reared in his native land and there educated. The family emigrated to America in 1846, our subject remaining until the following year, when he and his brother Lieobold sailed for America, landing in New York in June, 1847. They proceeded at once to Canton, to which place their family had previously come. Mr. A. G. Biechele had learned the stone mason's trade in the Old Country, having served an apprenticeship of three years. After coming to the United States, he worked for about six months at his trade, helping to put up the north wing of the present Infirmary. He then engaged in the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for two and a half years.

March 4, 1850, the original of this sketch started out, in company with twelve other young men, for California, by way of the Nicaragua route. Going to Wheeling, they proceeded thence to Cincinnati, where they bought provisions and boarded a steamboat for New Orleans. They had contracted for a steamer to take them to their journey's end, but were swindled and lost a good portion of their money. After remaining in New Orleans four weeks, they were compelled to pursue their way on a sailing-vessel. While in New Orleans, the cholera broke out, and as they lay at the quarantine station, our subject witnessed the terrible sight of casting overboard the bodies of twenty-eight cholera victims, and this inside of three days. It would seem as though there were an adverse fate preventing their journey, for on the sailing-vessel they encountered a terrible storm, and the sailors had to tie themselves to the masts to prevent being swept overboard. They were twenty-seven days in reaching San Juan, and thence went up the Nicaragua River in small boats. Crossing the lake, they traveled overland sixty miles to the Pacific Coast.

On arriving at San Francisco, our subject was without a penny, but found a kind friend who helped him. Mr. Biechele went to mining, and for the first three months he averaged $37.50 per day. His party then tunneled a hill for ore, working day and night for six months. They struck a rich vein, but got into trouble with an English syndicate and were forced to give up their claim. During the three years that our subject passed in the gold regions, he saw many hardships, and more than once gave up his life as lost.

In 1853 Mr. Biechele returned to Canton, and in the same year engaged in the business which he has since so ably followed on. He is the oldest tinner in the town. His firm does roofing and furnace work, and are extensive dealers in stoves, tinware, etc. He came to Canton with but little capital, but has accumulated a comfortable fortune, as have also his brothers. He has always paid strict attention to business and has never sought office.

In 1856, the original of this sketch was married to Miss Mary A. Lotheramer. They have been the parents of four sons and three daughters,

who are: Edward; Christina, the wife of Dr. Lininger; Anthony, Ellen, Albert, Corinne and Arthur. Our subject and his wife have been identified with the Catholic Church in this city ever since the first services were held in the old church of Canton. It was dedicated on the first Sunday of his arrival here from Germany. He is a member of St. Joseph's Society.

CHARLES R. FRAZER, Treasurer and Business Manager of the *Democrat* Publishing Company, of Canton, has the honor of being a native of this city, where his birth occurred on the 8th of September, 1858. He is a son of David and Ellen (O'Callaghan) Frazer, who were early settlers of this place. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and both parents are now deceased.

Our subject was reared and educated in his native city and after attending the common schools entered Avery's Academy and completed his education in the Canton High School. At the age of fourteen years, he entered the *Democrat* office as "devil" and later learned the printing business. He afterward again entered school, and when his school life was over became a reporter for the *Repository* and subsequently became City Editor of the same, continuing to serve as such for six years. On the expiration of that period, he entered the employ of A. McGregor & Co., job printers, and after six months became Treasurer and Business Manager of the *News-Democrat*, which was incorporated in 1890, with a cash capital of $50,000. The officers are Isaac R. Sherwood, President and Managing Editor; Anthony Howell, Vice-president, and Charles R. Frazer, Treasurer and Business Manager. The company prints both a daily and weekly paper. The former is a four-page journal, 26x40 inches, and the size of the eight-page weekly is 35x48 inches. It is a bright and newsy sheet, of neat appearance and well edited. It is published in the interests of the community and the Democratic party, and has a large circulation in Canton and the surrounding country. In 1891, the company erected a four-story brick building, the whole being occupied by their business. The office is one of the best-equipped in their line in Eastern Ohio, and in it are employed from fifteen to twenty men. They also have twenty regular carriers, and thirty newsboys sell the papers on the street.

In 1884, Mr. Frazer was married to Miss Minnie, daughter of Allen Eberly, Esq., and unto them have been born four children, as follows: Ellen E., Ruth M., Celia M. and Charles R., Jr.

Mr. Frazer has been a member of the City Council for two years and during the last year has served as President of that body. He was also Secretary of the Board of Trade for two years. For the past five years, he served as Vice-president of the United States Humane Association and since 1883 has been Secretary and Superintendent of the Canton Humane Society. His labors are performed gratuitously, from a love of the cause. In politics, he is a stalwart Democrat and takes an active part in the interest and success of his party. In 1887, he made the race for Mayor, but was defeated by John F. Blake. Over two thousand votes were polled at the primaries and he lost the nomination by only fifty-one. Mr. Frazer is a well-informed man. He is a genial and affable gentleman, very popular and his circle of acquaintances in the community is large.

ALBURTIS O. SLENTZ, President of the Canton Stove Company, and an enterprising business man of Canton, is a native of the Buckeye State. He was born on the 18th of May, 1845, in Columbiana County. His father, James Slentz, was a native of Pennsylvania, and engaged in the manufacture of wagons and grain cradles. He took an active part in local politics, served twenty-three years as Justice of the Peace in New Franklin, Stark County, and was a

prominent citizen of that community, whither he had removed when our subject was nine years of age. He died in 1886, in his sixty-fifth year. His father, Jacob Slentz, was one of the early settlers of Ohio and was of German lineage. The mother of our subject bore the name of Elizabeth Snyder. She is a daughter of Jacob Snyder, and was born in Salem, Ohio. She yet survives her husband and makes her home in New Franklin.

Our subject is the second in a family of four sons and three daughters, all of whom are yet living. The first eight years of his life were spent in his native county and he then accompanied his parents to New Franklin, where he was reared to manhood, acquiring his education in the common schools. At the age of sixteen years, he began to learn the carpenter's and joiner's trade and when twenty years of age enlisted in his country's service, becoming a member of Company A, One Hundred and Nineteenth Ohio Infantry. His regiment was sent to Harper's Ferry, W. Va., from which place the troops marched on to Richmond. The surrender of Gen. Lee soon afterward occurred, but his company was retained on guard duty until September, 1865, when he was honorably discharged.

Returning to New Franklin, Mr. Slentz there engaged in carpentering until 1867, when he came to Canton and followed his trade for a year. He was then employed in the wood department of C. Aultman & Company's Works for eighteen months, after which he became connected with the Peerless Reaper Works, serving in the wood-work and pattern-making department for five years. On the expiration of that time, he was made Foreman in the wood department, subsequently became Assistant Superintendent in the same shops, and during the four last years of his connection with the Peerless Reaper Works was Superintendent.

On Christmas Day of 1869, Mr. Slentz married Miss Lorena Shoof, who was born and reared in Canton and is a daughter of Andrew Shoof. They have two children: Warren E., who is book-keeper for the Canton Stove Company, and Annetta M., at school. They reside at No. 16 East Tenth Street, where they have a good home. Our subject is a member of the Democratic party and has served as a member of the City Council for two terms. He was also a member of the Board of Education for two terms and is now a member of the Board of Health and of the Board of Equalization. In his social relations, he is a Mason, holding membership with the Blue Lodge, Council and Chapter of Canton. In February, 1890, in connection with others, Mr. Slentz organized the Canton Stove Company, of which he was made President and Superintendent.

JOSIAH CORRELL. Many pleasant homes are seen throughout the extent of Stark County, some of which are of more than ordinary beauty, either in architectural designs or surroundings. Among those in Plain Township which are commodious and convenient is that of Josiah Correll, whose substantial residence is set in the midst of a neatly trimmed lawn, which makes of it one of the most beautiful places in the county. It is furnished in accordance with the taste of the occupants, and displays the presence of refined womanhood in its arrangement.

A native of this township, our subject was born on section 15, the date thereof being November 19, 1836. His father, John Correll, was born in Adams County, Pa., in 1788, and was of German descent, the first representatives having come to this country from Alsace, and settled in Pennsylvania. The father of our subject came with his family of ten children to this county in 1824, the trip, which was made overland, consuming two weeks. Here he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on the southwest quarter of section 34, on which the only improvements were a log cabin and barn. He was a hard worker, and ere long had placed the entire amount under good tillage, and his well-directed efforts resulted in supplying his family with a comfortable home and many enjoyments. He was a member of the Christian Church, and aided in the organization of the church in Canton, and toward the erection of the

building gave material support. His death occurred at the age of seventy-one years, three months and ten days. He was a Democrat in politics until the appearance of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks.

The mother of our subject, prior to her marriage, was Mrs. Elizabeth Lind, and was born in Adams County, Pa., in 1794. She became the mother of twelve children, namely: Jacob N., Samuel, John, Catherine, Fannie, Maria, Ann Eliza, Sarah J., Nancy, Jeremiah, Margaret and Josiah. Five of the family are now deceased. The wife and mother, who survived her husband a number of years, departed this life in March, 1875, when eighty-one years of age. She, too, was a member of the Christian Church.

The original of this sketch received a limited education, owing to the comparatively rude surroundings of his boyhood. The early public schools of Ohio having on their curriculum only the common branches, he was well grounded in these, and being imbued with native intelligence and a desire for information, he has by reading, observation and experience become well informed. The natural bent of his mind and early training combined to lead him to farming as his life work, and after his marriage, March 20, 1862, he took charge of the home place for one year, and then, removing to this township, purchased fifty acres of land, and there resided until 1866, when he traded for the tract which he now occupies. The estate comprises ninety-two and one-half acres of land, the greater portion of which is placed under excellent cultivation, and which gives indication that the owner is determined to make his home pleasant as well as remunerative. His intelligence, enterprising nature and honorable dealing have given him an excellent standing in both business and social circles, and caused him to be classed among the representative agriculturists of the county.

The maiden name of our subject's wife was Mary E. Mentzer, and she was born in this township, March 9, 1838. She is the daughter of David and Christena (Hull) Mentzer. To Mr. and Mrs. Correll have been granted a family of five children, namely: Charles G., who is married and makes his home on a farm in this township; Edwin S., Ada M., Nettie J. and Lillie L., at home. Besides raising the cereals which are best adapted to the soil of his estate, our subject buys horses every fall, which he feeds during the winter, and then sells at a handsome profit in the spring. In 1891, he shipped a carload to Boston, where they were sold. He has stock in the new Imperial Brick Company, and judging from the superior article which they manufacture it is destined to take a high place among the industries in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Correll are members of the Christian Church in Canton, and it is their constant endeavor to order their lives aright, and to train their children in the way they should go. In politics, our subject votes with the Republican party. He has been very successful in life, and owns residence property on Logan, Aultman and South Cleveland Avenues in Canton. His fellow-citizens hold him in great respect, and upon their solicitation he has held the office of Road Supervisor for six years, being now the incumbent of that position, and during that time has done much to add to the comfort of the traveling public by the good improvements which he has projected and carried to completion.

REUBEN ROUSH. Many of the old citizens and pioneers of Stark County will recognize the name quoted above as that of a former citizen of high standing, a loyal patriot and a good man, now gone to his long home. Mr. Roush left an example of the highest and most pronounced purity of character as a common legacy, not only to his children, but to the present generation.

Reuben Roush was a native of Pennsylvania, and was born November 2, 1817. He was a son of Frederick and Annie M. Roush, both of whom were natives of the Quaker State, but of German ancestry. When a boy, our subject emigrated with his parents to Stark County and settled in Perry Township. They were counted among the

earliest pioneers, experiencing all the vicissitudes and trials in the various phases of the development of the country. Both parents died here. Reuben did his full share in reclaiming the whole farm from its original wilderness, and was interested in all public enterprises. His educational advantages were small, but what he lacked in book lore he made up in grit and "gumption."

For twenty years Mr. Roush ran a sawmill at Richville, carrying on in connection with this interest quite an extensive farming business, his tract of land being about two miles south of Richville. This he developed from virgin woodland. He might be considered a typical Ohio pioneer, having all their push and energy, balanced by intelligence and discretion. December 25, 1840, he was married to Miss Lydia Jacoby, a native of this locality and born June 21, 1821. She is a daughter of David and Mary Jacoby, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and pioneers in Perry Township. The young married couple settled in a log cabin in the midst of thick woods, on the farm where she now resides. She was a model pioneer's wife and made the best of existing circumstances, calling upon her ingenuity to supplement the scanty conveniences of that early day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roush had a large family of children, of whom the following survive: Mary M., now Mrs. John Hartzell; John A., who married Eliza Foltz; Catherine L., now Mrs. Newton Koontz; Francis M., who married Clara B. Wingard; Ann M., the wife of George Rutter; Ida M., wife of William Rutter; Calvin R., who married Catherine Nay; Laura M., who is the wife of William Miller; Lincoln A., who married Ora Smith; and Minnie E., the wife of Edward Jacoby.

Mr. Roush had served as Trustee of Perry Township, and was a leading and influential citizen. In politics, he was a Republican, and in his church relations, he was a Methodist. In the city of Massillon, he was well and favorably known as a business man, one whose word could always be implicitly relied upon. In domestic life, he was a model of tenderness, forethought and forbearance. As a friend and neighbor, his good qualities were many, and in his death Perry Township lost one of her most estimable citizens. His widow still resides on the home farm, which comprises one hundred and twenty acres of good and arable land. She has at command a fund of anecdotes and incidents of pioneer days that would be valuable to the historical societies of the State.

F. J. KELLER was born in Lawrence Township, one mile north of Massillon, September 23, 1861. He is a son of Rheinhart and Mary (Oster) Keller, both of Germany. He was a miner in his native land, and on coming to the United States became Superintendent of the Warwick & Keller Coal Mine, in which, as the firm name will indicate, he is largely interested. Our subject was one of nine children, of whom eight are now living. He is the third eldest. As a lad, he attended St. Mary's Parochial School, and completed the course at the age of thirteen years.

Mr. Keller began work at the coal mines as a driver, but soon went into the office as shipping clerk, working for the Rhodes Coal Company, of Cleveland. He was with them for five years and then came to Massillon, and in September of 1881 started in the grocery business with a partner, under the firm name of Sonnhalter & Keller. They continued in this business at No. 2 East Main Street until September 1, 1889, when the original of this sketch sold out and launched into the coal and oil business, and in 1891 accepted the agency for the Wells-Fargo Express Company. He now carries on a large retail coal business, and deals besides in all kinds of powder, including dynamite. He has, moreover, lubricating oil. He sold these interests in 1891 to Mr. C. L. Halter, and since that time has been employed with his father in the mines as Superintendent in Upper Pigeon Run.

Mr. Keller was married in Summit County, October 30, 1884, to Miss Mary C. Whitman, a daughter of Peter Whitman, a prominent farmer in that locality. They have a pleasant home located at No. 107 Prospect Street. Here their four

children create brightness in the home life. They are named Effa, William, Rheinhart and Viola, respectively.

From 1884 to 1886, our subject was Collector of Tolls of the Ohio Canal at the port of Massillon. He is a member of the Board of Trade here, and stands high among the business men. He and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been a delegate to county conventions.

ROBERT A. BIECHELE, M. D., one of the foremost physicians of the county, was born in the city of Canton, Ohio, on the 3d of January, 1865, and was one of seven children born to Charles and Mary (Bernard) Biechele, the father a native of Baden, Germany, and the mother of Belgium, the latter having been brought to America when an infant. The father was but twenty-one years of age when he decided to try his fortune in the "land of the free," and as the natural advantages of this country offered him every inducement, he landed on this side of the Atlantic Ocean. Here he met and married Miss Bernard. Being naturally ambitious and enterprising, it was not long before he was settled in business, and classed among the esteemed and influential citizens.

Mr. Biechele was a manufacturer of soap for many years in Canton, and established the soap business now owned and operated by Joseph Biechele. At the present time, Mr. Biechele is engaged in the wholesale grocery business on North Street, and is one of the most prominent and prosperous business men of the city. All his success has been achieved through his great industry, perseverance, and excellent business acumen.

Dr. Robert A. Biechele, the youngest of three brothers, received his early scholastic advantages in the schools of Canton, but supplemented this by attending a private school in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was thoroughly drilled in all the branches. Subsequently, he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Portman, of Canton, and then took his lectures in the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland, being graduated in 1887. After leaving this well-known institution of learning, he spent three years in the Lakeside Cleveland City Hospital in the capacity of physician and surgeon. Later, he began practicing in Canton, and although he is one of the youngest physicians of the county, he has already established quite a reputation as a thorough student of medicine, and a very successful practitioner.

He is a member of the Stark County Academy of Medicine, and for one year held the position of Secre ary of the same. He served two years as City Physician of Canton, and is now President of the Acme Steel and Iron Roofing Company of Canton. He is one of the Directors of the Canton Grocery Company, also one of the visiting surgeons of the Aultman Hospital, and Treasurer of its hospital staff. He is wide-awake and progressive, and is bound to make a success of life. His office is at No. 48 East Tuscarawas Street.

The Doctor was married September 1, 1892, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Wooster, Ohio, to Miss Anna May, daughter of Philip L. and Emma (Nachtrieb) Horn, the former a prominent baker of that place.

J. MARSHALL CAMPBELL is the efficient Secretary and Treasurer of the Campbell Lumber Company, which house was established in 1872, and sustains a prominent position among the most important lumber manufactories in the State. Mr. Campbell was born in Canton, February 5, 1848, to James and Susan (Eck) Campbell, the former of whom was born at Atwater, Portage County, Ohio, March 11, 1818, and the latter in Pennsylvania in 1824, a daughter of Peter Eck. The Campbells are descended from the celebrated Scotch clan of that name.

J. Marshall Campbell passed his youth in Madison, Wis., and until he was fifteen years of age he was an attendant of the city schools, where he acquired a practical education. When in his sixteenth year, the clash of arms caused him to throw down his books and join the Fortieth Wisconsin Infantry, after which he was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, being stationed at Memphis, where he did garrison duty. He was mustered out of the service in September, 1864, and, after returning to Madison, acted in the capacity of hotel clerk for five years. In 1871, he returned to the city of his birth, and the following year became connected with the firm of Campbell, Smith & Co., dealers and manufacturers of sash, doors and blinds, etc. This firm also owned a planing-mill, which they successfully operated for several years, and their operations were characterized by fairness, liberality, and enterprise. At the end of a few years, the firm name was changed to Campbell & Sons, and in addition to dealing extensively in lumber, they manufacture all kinds of building materials, and the first-class quality of the work turned out has secured for them a reputation and a trade which extend over a large extent of territory. Mr. Campbell has a thorough and practical knowledge of every detail of the business, and his wide acquaintance with the trade gives him every facility for the prosecution of the business. The yards are located on Seventh and Eighth Streets, near the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad tracks, thus affording the best of shipping facilities.

The celebration of Mr. Campbell's marriage took place in 1873, Miss Fannie Bement, of Beloit, Wis., a native of the State of New York, becoming his wife. She is a daughter of E. G. Bement, and when a young girl removed with her parents to Wisconsin. She has borne her husband three children: Robert B., Lulu H., and Marie. Mr. Campbell has become a prominent resident of the county, for his prominent characteristics are an acute sense of honor, and unquestioned integrity, and his business qualifications are best attested by the success which has attended his efforts. He is a member of the City Council, representing the Seventh Ward, and is Vice-president of the Board of Trade. A Republican in politics, he has brought his sound judgment, progressive ideas, energy and force of character to bear in the interests of that party, and is considered one of its leaders. He and his worthy wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and move in the highest social circles of Canton. Their residence is at No. 170 West Tuscarawas Street, and the hospitality displayed there is enjoyed by the many who enter its portals.

ROBERT MITCHINSON REAY, Superintendent of the Massillon Bridge Company, has been with his company longer than any man in their employ, since 1869, and is a skilled mechanic and a very successful superintendent. He is a man of good judgment and is thoroughly posted on all subjects of importance. He was born at Gateshead, Durham County, England, on the 5th of February, 1846. His father, Richard Reay, was born at Walls End, Northumberland County, England, in 1802, and was of Scotch descent. The grandfather, Richard Reay, Sr., who was also born there, was engaged in the coal mines, and his death occurred when ninety-four years of age. The father was also a coal miner in his youth, but later in life became a school teacher and followed that profession for eight years, meeting with unusual success as an educator. Later he became Superintendent of the coal mines near Gateshead, and filled that position for thirty years. After that he removed to the city of Durham, and there passed the remainder of his days, his death occurring in 1874, when seventy-two years of age. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Church of England. He married Miss Eleanor Mitchinson, a native of Durham, England, and the daughter of Robert Mitchinson, also of that country, and a miner by occupation. She died in 1850. To this marriage were born six children, five of whom grew to mature years and three are now living, but only one in America.

The original of this notice, the youngest of the

above-mentioned family, received his scholastic training in the common schools, and when not quite twelve years of age began learning the mechanic's trade, which he followed until sixteen years of age. He was then apprenticed as a blacksmith at the mines for five years, or until twenty-one, when he became a practical mechanic. He remained one year longer at the mines, and was then employed in the railroad shops as blacksmith, in which capacity he continued for about six months, or until the road was completed. Thinking to better his condition in every way, he crossed the ocean to America, leaving Liverpool, England, on the steamer "Old Virginia," and reaching New York City seventeen days later. A stranger in a strange land, he was not at a loss to know what to do, however, for he made his way immediately to Massillon, Ohio, and was there employed first as blacksmith in a stone quarry by John Vogt. He remained there for some time, or until he lost one of his toes by having a stone fall on it, after which he was obliged to be idle for some time. In the fall of 1869, he came to the Bridge Works of Massillon, and has remained with this company ever since. He ran a forge for about five years, and then became Superintendent of the works. This was about 1874, and he has filled that position very acceptably ever since. The works cover about four and a half acres, and are operated by a fifty horse power boiler. One hundred and fifty men are employed, and the business is conducted on a very extensive scale. They manufacture railroad and highway bridges, and have over five hundred contracts a year, their work extending all over the United States.

Mr. Reay is Superintendent of the works in Massillon, and is the owner of some real estate in this city, including a residence on Washington Avenue. In 1885, he returned to the land of his birth and remained there three months. He was married in his native country in 1867 to Miss Mary A. Reed, a native of England and the daughter of John Reed, who was a farmer of Northumberland County. Eleven children were born of the marriage, seven of whom reached mature years, but only five are now living. One daughter, Eleanor, died in 1890, when about twenty-two years of age; Mary, who was a graduate of the High School of Massillon in 1890, died in 1891, when twenty years of age; Jane, Edith, Catherine, Robert, and Lillian are at home. From 1884 to 1886, Mr. Reay was a member of the City Council. Socially, he is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias; is a member of Clinton Lodge, F. & A. M.; is identified with the Sons of St. George, and was President of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of St. George, being Trustee of that organization. In politics, he is a Republican, and has been a delegate to a number of county conventions. Mrs. Reay is a member of the Episcopal Church, to which the children also belong, but Mr. Reay's sympathies are with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DAVID H. BAUGHMAN. No resident of Tuscarawas Township is better known than the gentleman above named, who is one of those to whom its present development is due. He came hither with his parents in 1834, when a lad of seven years, and at a time when the county was but sparsely settled and the work of improvement in some of the townships had scarcely begun. When old enough to be of assistance to his father, he aided in clearing a farm and has borne as important a part in pioneer work as any man in his part of the county. Ever hard-working and industrious, and endowed with a spirit that looked forward hopefully to better times and spared no effort to improve the surroundings, he was rewarded by being able to secure a tract of land, and in due progress of time saw it placed under good cultivation.

Mr. Baughman is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Cumberland County, February 17, 1827, to John and Margaret (Umbenhower) Baughman, who were natives of Virginia and of German descent. As before stated, the father of our subject took up his abode in this county, with his family, in 1834, settling on the unimproved farm in Tuscarawas Township which is in the possession of

our subject. There he continued to reside until his decease, which occurred August 28, 1849. Of his large family of children, the following five survive: Ellen, Margaret, Sarah, Samuel and David.

He of whom we write grew to maturity in his adopted county, receiving but limited educational advantages; but making good use of the opportunities afforded him, he endeavored to keep posted regarding the progress of the world. He assisted in clearing one hundred and twelve acres of land from the woods, and on turning the first furrow, like others under similar circumstances, found the work of development by no means easy. He now has a well-improved farm, supplied with all necessary buildings and brought to such a state of productiveness as to afford a very satisfactory income.

The estimable lady who was the faithful companion and efficient counselor of our subject for many years, bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Bretz, and was the daughter of John and Mary Bretz. By her union with Mr. Baughman were born twelve children, three of whom are deceased. Those living are Mary, Sarah, Julia, Benjamin, Elizabeth, David, Ada, Nettie and William. The wife and mother departed this life May 9, 1891, leaving behind many relatives and friends who mourn her loss. She was a most estimable lady and a consistent member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Baughman has not been without his share in the management of local affairs and in the work necessary to elevate society and improve the condition of the citizens. It being well known that he is interested in educational matters, he was elected to the position of School Director, which he filled most efficiently. In politics, he is a true-blue Republican, and socially, is identified with Perry Grange at Massillon.

The two hundred acres of land of which our subject is the owner compare favorably in every particular with those in the neighborhood. When establishing a home of his own, Mr. Baughman was in debt to the amount of $3,000, and his fine farm is a standing monument to his industry and good management. In carrying on his operations, he has been thrifty, prudent and wisely economical, and has displayed sagacity and due discrimination in all things. He is well known for his strict honesty in business affairs, and no one is more trusted in moneyed matters than he.

HENRY DECKERD is a representative farmer and stockman of Stark County and stands among the foremost men of his calling in Canton Township, where he is successfully managing his extensive agricultural interests. He comes of a family well known in this section, which is notably connected with its early history, and all the members of which lived to attain advanced years. He of whom we write was born on the southwest quarter of section 28, Canton Township, October 11, 1839, and is a son of Benjamin Deckerd, who was born in Berks County, Pa., February 26, 1794.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in Germany and emigrated to America in company with his father, who was a minister in the German Reformed Church and who did much to promote the interests of that denomination in Pennsylvania, where they settled. In connection with his ministerial duties, he owned and operated a farm in Berks County, where he died at an advanced age.

Benjamin Deckerd chose for his wife Miss Rachael Swineheart, who was born August 1, 1797, also in Berks County, their marriage being solemnized August 12, 1817. They made their home on the farm in their native county until the spring of 1828, when they removed over the mountains by means of wagons and teams to this county, where the father purchased land on section 28, Canton Township. The tract was heavily timbered and not having provided a means of shelter for his family he left them at the home of his brother Daniel, who had preceded them to this section, and, clearing a spot of ground, erected a log cabin of the pioneer type. He was a man of large build and remarkable constitution. Being a man of industrious habits, he immediately set to

work to clear his purchase and ere long had the satisfaction of seeing the once barren tract transformed into a fertile and productive farm. In addition to his farm work, he made a specialty of riving oak shingles, with which articles he supplied the settlers for many miles around. To himself and wife was born a family of ten children, all of whom are now living, the eldest being seventy-four years of age and the youngest fifty-three years old. Catherine, Mrs. Washington Myers, makes her home in Canton; Jacob resides in Iowa; Rachel, who married Samuel Krieg, is living in Wabash County, Ind.; Sarah, Mrs. Stults, makes her home in Huntington County, that State; John, in Whitney County, Ind.; David resides in Osnaburg Township, this county; Elizabeth, Mrs. Kroft, makes her home in this township; Mary, Mrs. Neidig, also resides in Osnaburg Township; Christina, Mrs. Hershey, is living in this township, and Henry, our subject. The mother of these children died April 12, 1877, aged eighty years, eight months and eleven days. The father, who survived her many years, departed this life January 31, 1888, aged ninety-three years, eleven months and twenty-five days, thus lacking only six days of being ninety-four years old. There remained to mourn his loss ten children, sixty-two grandchildren and sixty-five great-grandchildren. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, while his good wife was an adherent of the Lutheran faith.

Henry Deckerd, of this sketch, was reared on the old home place and attended his first school in the primitive log cabin chinked with mud and sticks and provided with slab benches for seats. When reaching his majority, he began in life for himself, and making a visit to his sister, Mrs. Sarah Stults, in Huntington County, Ind., taught a term of school during the winter of 1860–61. Returning home at the end of that time, he worked on his father's farm by the month for one year, and December 22, 1862, was married to Miss Rebecca Cook, who was born in Pike Township, this county. Their union was blessed by the birth of eight children, of whom the following seven are living: William, Lewis H., Charles E., Benjamin C., Ira E., Harvey C., and Mary E. The mother died June 30, 1888, and the lady whom Mr. Deckerd chose for his second wife, December 13 of that year, was Miss Mary Judd, of Osnaburg Township.

The farm of our subject comprises one hundred and twenty-five acres, which bear all the substantial improvements and upon which he has erected two sets of buildings. He is engaged in mixed farming and each year feeds and ships large numbers of cattle. His barn, which is one of the best in the township, was erected in 1875, and the handsome frame residence which adorns the place was built in 1881. In 1888, Mr. Deckerd caused to be erected on another part of the farm a large barn, which he uses to good purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Deckerd are members of the German Reformed Church at Osnaburg. Formerly a Democrat in politics he now votes with the People's Party and is identified with any scheme that will in any way forward the interests of his community. He has been very successful in all his undertakings, which he attributes to his close attention to business and good management. He is a typical self-made man, as what he is he owes to his own exertions and the assistance and counsel given him by his good wife.

DRHODES is a prominent farmer, located on section 1, Lawrence Township, and an early settler in this locality. He was born on the farm where he now resides, January 14, 1820. Mr. Rhodes is a son of George and Margaret (Smith) Rhodes, both natives of Pennsylvania. The parents lived in Pennsylvania until 1808, when they came to Stark County and located in Canton, which at that time comprised only three buildings.

After living in Canton for two years, the Rhodes family came to Lawrence Township and took up the section of land as above named. There they built a log cabin, which the family entered before it had either floor or chimney. George Rhodes bent every energy toward devel-

oping his farm, and at the end of a long and useful life the result of his labor was seen in the changed aspect of the land. Grandfather Rhodes, whose given name was Frederick, was a native of Germany, and came to the United States when a young man. He settled in Pennsylvania, but spent his last years in Stark County, Ohio. Our subject's mother lived to be eighty-nine years old.

D. Rhodes was one of a family of seven children, which comprised four daughters and three sons. All grew to manhood and womanhood, and became the heads of families. Our subject is the sixth child and second son. His first recollection of school days is of the primitive log house, with the most meagre accommodations, and a system in which the birch rod played an important part. The youth remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he determined to see what fortune held in store for him. He learned the carpenter's trade and purchased a threshing-machine, carrying on the two occupations in conjunction for twelve years.

When, in 1849, the gold excitement penetrated all parts of this country, our subject started across the plains with a prairie schooner via Salt Lake City. His company proceeded at once to California, and after witnessing the novel state of society in Sacramento, Mr. Rhodes proceeded North to the rough-and-ready mines at Nevada City. He spent some two years there in mining, and then returned to Ohio via New York City. Satisfied with his experience of outside life, he settled down to farming.

Mr. Rhodes was married in 1850 to Margaret Machaner, who was born in Uniontown. The young people located one mile south of Canal Fulton, where our subject was engaged in the gristmill business for a year. He then went into the hotel business at Canal Fulton, the hostelry of which he was proprietor being known as the American House. After spending two years there, he sold out and bought the old homestead where he now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes have been the parents of thirteen children. The living are named as follows: Emma, Lavina, Belle, Alta, Clara, Charles and Grace. Our subject owns one hundred and ten acres of the finest land in the township. There is not a foot of waste ground on the farm. He pays much attention to stock-raising and has been very successful. In politics, Mr. Rhodes is a Democrat. He has held various local offices in the township. He, with the other members of his family, belongs to the Christian Church, in which he is a Deacon.

GEORGE L. RUSSELL. The public spirit of the Russell family is proverbial. As successful business men and influential residents of Massillon, they are building for themselves monuments which will outlast shafts of granite or statues in bronze, and are carving their names on the records of the city in a more enduring manner than those written on brass or stone. The subject of this sketch is in every way worthy of the name he bears, and is not only sustaining the reputation of the family, but adding new lustre to it.

The citizens of Massillon esteem Mr. Russell as one of their most influential and energetic residents. He has been active on the City Council and was prominent in securing the present park, one of the ornaments of the city. In other ways his enterprise has been displayed and he has doubtless contributed as effectively and continuously to the material welfare of the place as any other resident thereof. A member of the firm of Russell & Co., he has for forty-two years applied himself very closely to the details of the business and is consequently familiar with every branch of the work, and especially with the iron department, of which he is Superintendent.

The son of Cyrus and Louisa (Stratton) Russell, of whom mention is made in the sketch of Joseph K. Russell on another page, our subject was born in Sutton, Caledonia County, Vt., October 27, 1830. He spent his early years on his father's farm, his time being mainly devoted to agricultural

work. May 30, 1850, when nearly twenty years old, he arrived in Massillon, the journey hither having been made overland from Sutton to Burlington, thence by boat to Montreal, and from there up the St. Lawrence River to Genesee Falls. From Buffalo he proceeded via the steamer "Buckeye State" to Cleveland, and from that place by stage to Massillon.

After reaching Massillon, Mr. Russell was apprenticed to learn the trade of a moulder, but continued at that occupation only four weeks. Finding the work uncongenial, he was apprenticed to learn the machinist's trade, which he followed three years and then entering his brother's employ, became foreman in the iron department. He was one of the original manufacturers of reapers in their shops, which were then located on Erie Street. In January, 1864, he was admitted as partner in the firm, which was then known as N. S. & C. Russell, although in the fall of the same year the title was changed to Russell & Co. A description of this prominent manufactory will be found in the biography of Joseph K. Russell. In addition to these interests, Mr. Russell is Vice-president, Director and a stockholder in the Massillon Electric Light, Heat & Power Company, of which he was an originator.

In Lodi, Medina County, Mr. Russell owns a splendid farm of one hundred and thirty acres of well-improved land, which is occupied by a tenant. General farming is there carried on, and for a time full-blooded Durhams were raised, but afterward Mr. Russell turned his attention to horses and introduced roadsters, which are still raised there with success. He is the owner of an attractive residence on the corner of North and Prospect Streets, one of the most elegant homes of Massillon.

The lady who in November, 1890, became the wife of Mr. Russell, was formerly known as Carrie J. Culver. She was born in Cleveland, the daughter of William M. Culver, who was engaged in business as a hatter and furrier, first in Massillon, Ohio, and later at Ithaca, N. Y. By a former marriage Mr. Russell had one child, who lived to maturity, a son, who was a graduate of Nazareth (Pa.) Military Academy, and became a practical machinist. He was married and resided in a beautiful home on South Erie Street, where he died in October, 1891, aged thirty-three years. He left four children, who now reside with their mother.

A stanch Republican politically, Mr. Russell has served his party as a delegate to State and county conventions and has frequently been a member of the County Republican Committee. For ten years he was a member of the City Council, representing the First Ward, and was President three years of the time. He is not identified with any church, but assists every denomination and contributes largely to religious causes. In his social connections he is identified with Clinton Lodge No. 47, F. & A. M.; Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, and belongs to Massillon Commandery No. 4.

MRS. CAROLINE McCULLOUGH EVERHARD is one of the most prominent women in Stark County, and is President of the Ohio Woman's Suffrage Society. Her father, Thomas McCullough, was born near Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio, on the 6th of March, 1810, and is descended from Scotch-Irish ancestors on both sides. His grandfather, John McCullough, came to America with his family in the year 1793 and in 1799 located near Steubenville, Ohio, becoming a pioneer of that section. He improved a place in true pioneer style, and there made his home until his death in 1827. The grandfather of our subject was married in Jefferson County, Ohio, to Miss Jane, daughter of Thomas Ritchie, who was a native of the green Isle of Erin, and who emigrated to the "land of the free." Mrs. McCullough was a woman of strong character and more than the average intelligence. After marriage, her husband kept an hotel for many years in Jefferson County, and there he died in 1852.

The father of Mrs. Everhard, Thomas McCullough, was the third in order of birth of ten children, and like the average farmer boy of that period, received only a common-school education. When he was about twenty-two years of age, he

went to Virginia, where he was engaged as Superintendent on a plantation for four years near Wheeling. In February, 1836, he came to Massillon and was employed by the Massillon Rolling Mill Company to superintend the clearing and cultivating of their vast farms. In 1840 this company failed, and in 1848 Mr. McCullough purchased between three and four thousand acres of land, of which Mrs. Everhard still owns four hundred acres. About 1851, he became connected as a stockholder with the Massillon branch of the State Bank of Ohio, and later was made its President. In 1864 this company was merged into the Union National Bank of Massillon, of which he was made President, holding that position until 1873. He was one of the most prominent men of the county and a very successful farmer.

Mr. McCullough was married to Miss Nancy Melendy, who was born near Guilford, Vt., March 4, 1811, and died May 8, 1877. Her mother's maiden name was Marcy Perry, a distant relative of Commodore Perry, of Lake Erie fame. Mr. McCullough was a very public-spirited and active man, and was engaged in various enterprises. He was one of the prominent members of the St. Timothy Episcopal Church and Senior Warden for many years. Formerly a Whig, he later espoused the principles of the Republican party and was active in his support of its measures. He was well informed on all subjects and was very genial and hospitable and an entertaining conversationalist. His death occurred in October, 1885.

Mrs. Everhard was the only child who reached mature years, her birth occurring September 14, 1843, in Massillon, where she was reared. She was educated in the High Schools of her native town and later went to Media, Pa., where she was graduated from Maria L. Eastman's Seminary in 1864. On the 7th of November, 1865, she married Capt. H. H. Everhard, a native of Jackson Township, this county, born November 15, 1837. The Captain was reared in Jackson Township and was educated in the Massillon High Schools but later entered the preparatory department of the college at Gambier. When the war broke he volunteered in Company E, One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Infantry as Orderly Sergeant and served with his company until cessation of hostilities. He was honorably discharged and mustered out with the rank of Captain. After this he took a business course at Pittsburgh and has since been engaged in business here. He is proprietor of the Warthorst & Co. Stone Quarry, is doing a large business and has lately erected a pressed brick plant.

Mr. Everhard is a Director in the Union National Bank. He has a fine farm in Perry Township, lying south of the city, and his residence, a fine stone structure, is at the corner of Main and High Streets. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Everhard and are named as follows: Ethel, Melville McCullough and Marion. Mrs. Everhard has been an extensive traveler, has visited most of the States and is well informed on many subjects. She is President of the Woman's Suffrage Association and is also Secretary of the Humane Society of Massillon. When her father died he was Trustee of the Charity Rotch School, and after his death, she was appointed by the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas to fill the vacancy—the first instance in the State of a woman being appointed Trustee of a public institution where a bond is required, and she is now President of the Board. She is a woman of great talents and unusual ability, and is always ready to promote any enterprise that works for the good of humanity.

JOHN BLOOMFIELD. If a stranger should ask which is the most beautiful home in Plain Township, he would unquestionably be answered, that of John Bloomfield, who is also one of the most prominent men in this section of the county. An appreciation of what is beautiful and appropriate has been brought to bear in the arrangement of the family residence, that speaks volumes for the taste of the owner and his estimable wife; but without expatiation further upon this outer evidence of inward culture, let us turn to the personal history of our subject.

Now a retired farmer, living just south of Oval

City, John Bloomfield was born in Bloomfield Township, Crawford County, Pa., February 18, 1821. He is a son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Kirk) Bloomfield. The former was a native of New Jersey and the latter of Pennsylvania. Grandfather Thomas Bloomfield, also born in New Jersey, was of English descent, his father having come from the Mother Country. He was a farmer and finally settled, lived and died in Pennsylvania. Lewis Bloomfield was drafted into the War of 1812, but was released on account of disability. He carried on, in connection with his farming, the business of a drover. On coming to Stark County, he settled in Marlboro Township, and there died at the age of eighty years. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics, a Democrat.

The original of this sketch was one of a family of ten children, there being five boys and five girls, who were named as follows: Joseph, Rebecca, Louis M., Elizabeth, Sarah A., John, Andrew, Judith, William E. and Susan. After rearing this large family, Mrs. Bloomfield died at the age of seventy years. She was a Quakeress in her religious belief.

John Bloomfield was a boy old enough to appreciate the fun of the journey when his parents moved to this county, bringing their household goods as well as family with one ox-team and a three-horse team. The child attended the old log schoolhouse with its furniture of slab benches, inclined planes for writing desks, and other pioneer educational appliances. Probably the boy thought more of the fine hunting to be had here, than of the limited school advantages, for there were turkeys, deer and many kinds of small game that had not yet learned to be shy of the few white settlers.

Our subject began for himself at the age of twenty-three, when he was married June 22, 1843, to Miss Rebecca Wise, who was born here, December 17, 1822. A more extended sketch of the Wise family will be found in the history of Mrs. Bloomfield's brother, L. J. Wise, in another portion of this volume. Our subject and his wife reared six children, who are named as follows: Louis A., Emeline, Hiram, Cena, Elmer and John B. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield first settled on land which he purchased in the northeast portion of this township on section 1. Their place of residence, however, was a log house on another portion of the section. He improved the farm, which comprised one hundred and ninety acres of land, erecting a good class of buildings. He then sold the place and purchased another farm in the north quarter of this township. After living on that for a short time, it too was sold, and he built his present fine large, frame dwelling with its full complement of barns and outhouses, and set up his household goods and gods with the determination to here spend in comfort the remainder of a long and useful life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield are members of the Baptist Church of Canton. Our subject inherits the political belief of his father, and votes the Democratic ticket. He has served as Trustee of the township several times, and was Postmaster at Middle Branch for several years.

HORACE H. WHITING holds the position of Secretary and Treasurer of the Bonnet Company at Canton. This company are extensive manufacturers of clay-working machinery for brick and pottery plants. Mr. Whiting was born in Ashland County, Ohio, May 15, 1859. He is a son of David and Rebecca (Shearer) Whiting, both natives of the same county and State as is our subject. David Whiting, who was a carpenter and joiner by trade and who still lives in his native county, was the son of Samuel Whiting of New England and of English ancestry.

Our subject's mother was a daughter of Solomon Shearer, of German descent. She is still the helpmate and companion of her husband in their advanced years, and has been the mother of seven children, of whom our subject is the fourth in order of birth. Horace H. Whiting passed his boyhood and early school days in Ashland County. He was for a time a book-keeper in a manufacturing establishment, remaining there for twelve years and thence going to Fond du Lac, Wis.

On going to Wisconsin, Mr. Whiting took a position as general agent with Aultman, Taylor & Co., who were dealers in agricultural implements. He remained with them for two years and in 1890 came to Canton. Since that time he has been connected with the Peerless Reaper Company in the capacity of manager. He remained with them until the organization of the Bonnet Company, which is a successor of the Peerless Company. Our subject's ability in a business line was recognized by his being unanimously appointed to the position which he now holds. The capital stock of the company is $100,000. The main building is a large three-story edifice, containing foundry, blacksmith shops, etc. The machinery is driven by a one hundred horse power engine and they constantly employ from sixty to one hundred men.

In 1885, Mr. Whiting was united in marriage to Miss A. A. Tubb, of Plymouth. She is a daughter of Henry Tubb. The family has a beautiful home that is located at No. 104 South Market Street.

HENRY S. MOSES, of the firm of Moses & Riemsnyder, dealers in furniture at Canton, was born in Carroll County, this State, December 2, 1838. He is a son of John and Rebecca (Statler) Moses, both natives of the Quaker State. The Moses family originally came from Switzerland.

Several generations back, our subject's great-grandmother was captured by the Indians in the Wyoming Valley Massacre, which occurred in Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century. She was only seven years of age when taken captive and was soon after released. Grandfather Samuel Moses was a farmer by calling and died in Somerset County, Pa. His ancestors were all learned farmers and very successful.

In 1832, John Moses came to Ohio and located in what is now Carroll County. He purchased a farm, which continued to be his home until the time of his decease, which occurred in 1868. His wife had died several years previously. They were the parents of ten children, four of whom yet survive: Jacob resides on the old homestead; William lives in Decatur, Ind.; Henry S., and Margaret, who is the wife of M. W. Mansfield, of Webster City, Iowa, are the other living members of the family. Those deceased were Samuel, Margaret, John, Rebecca, Ellen and Martha.

The original of this sketch was reared on the home farm and educated in the district schools. He had the advantages of a gentle and cultured home training and early became a teacher. On the breaking out of the war, he enlisted, in 1862, in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Ohio Infantry. He served until the close of hostilities and was mustered out as a Sergeant-Major. He was wounded twice in the battle of the Wilderness and was in hospital for eight months. His last wound was received May 6, 1864. The ball entered the stomach, passed through the liver and body and came out at the back. He was at the battles of Mine Run, Martinsburg and Petersburg and at the closing campaign preceding the surrender of Gen. Lee. He was a participant in the battle of the Wilderness and was through the entire Appomattox campaign. He was discharged at Washington June 28, 1865.

On returning from the war, Mr. Moses engaged in the mercantile business at home, which he carried on for sixteen years, having stores at Dell Roy and Waynesburgh. While living at the latter place, he was Township Trustee. In 1880, he came to Canton and embarked in the hardware business, which he carried on for two years. He next embarked in the manufactory of the Canton Car Company and was Secretary and Treasurer. This has since been merged into the J. H. McLain Machine Company, and in 1890 he sold out his interests and embarked with his present partner in the furniture business. He has been a member of the School Board for six years and is a stockholder and Director in the Home Savings and Loan Company. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Moses was married, in 1865, to Miss Sarah C. Strayer, of Carroll County. She has been the mother of two children, Laura and Flora. Our

subject and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is President of the Board of Trustees. He owns considerable farming interests in Carroll County and has other valuable interests.

ZACHARY T. SHOEMAKER was born in Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pa., July 8, 1848. He is a son of Henry and Eliza (Eby) Shoemaker, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of our subject's native place. Henry Shoemaker was a millwright, and came to Stark County in 1851, making the journey hither with his wife and little family by means of the prairie schooner. They located at Navarre, where he engaged in trade, but later removed to Massillon, where he was employed by the railroad company. On later going to Canal Fulton, he assumed the proprietorship of an hotel, and there died when about forty-eight years of age. His wife died in Massillon in 1889, at the age of seventy-six years.

Of the seven children that were born to the Shoemaker family, five lived to be grown. Of these, our subject is the youngest. He attended school at Richville until fourteen years of age, that being the family place of residence after the father's decease. He spent his summers on a farm and the winters in school, but on leaving school entered a grocery store in the capacity of clerk.

After spending two years as a grocer's clerk, Zachary Shoemaker went to Massillon, where for nine years he filled the position of chief clerk in the dry-goods establishment of Isaac B. Douglas. His employer had the greatest confidence in his honor and ability, and frequently entrusted him to purchase goods in the East for the firm. He was finally offered his present position as bookkeeper with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which he has ever since maintained. At the same time, he became interested in the real-estate business, and since that has built many houses. Our subject purchased six acres of land known as the Tailor Property, and laid it out under the name of the J. T. Shoemaker Tract. This he built up and has disposed of some of the most valuable lots. Later, he purchased an addition on Walnut Street, where he built three houses. He now owns property in every ward in the city. He also owns a fine farm in Lawrence Township, and has been quite largely interested in Western property.

Our subject was married November 27, 1876, to Miss Ella V. Ogle, a daughter of Capt. B. F. Ogle, one of the oldest captains on the Ohio River. During the Civil War he was in the Government employ, having charge of a pilot boat. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker are the parents of four children, whose names are Helen, Vesta, Lucile and Frank T., respectively. Mrs. Shoemaker, who is a prominent woman and a great favorite in society, is a member of the Christian Church. Politically, our subject is a Republican.

WILLIAM STOVER is a prominent farmer residing on section 11, Lawrence Township. He was born in this locality, February 6, 1837, and is the eldest son of Samuel and Catherine (Krichbaum) Stover. For a more detailed history of the parents, we refer the reader to the sketch of George Stover in another portion of this volume.

The original of this sketch was reared in his native place, and his first school experience was in the vicinity of home, and he later went for two years to a school in Canal Fulton. In 1858, he married the daughter of Samuel and Lizzie (Leckron) Bachtel, who was born in Jackson Township, Stark County.

Immediately after marriage, our subject and his young wife located on the farm where they now reside. He had purchased this before marriage and at once set himself to the work of improvement. They became the parents of three children, one daughter and two sons: Samuel, who is

deceased; Clara A. and Otis G. The daughter is now a teacher in the High School at Canal Fulton. She is a graduate from the High School of Canal Fulton, and attended Adrian College, Mich. Otis graduates from the High School of Canal Fulton this coming spring. Neither of these young people ever missed a day during their school lives and were never tardy.

Our subject has been engaged in general farming and stock-raising and has made a specialty of breeding road horses. He prefers the Hambletonians and Clays, and at one time owned the well-known mare "Mollie Buckner," also "Dattus," "Black Harry Clay" and "T. H. Russell." He now keeps eight head of good road horses, and besides these his farm is noted for its cattle and sheep. He has one hundred and sixty-seven acres of as good farm land as there is in the county, and he has made the best of improvements on his place.

Mr. Stover is a Democrat in politics. He was Trustee of the township for four years and Assessor for two years. He was Director of the County Infirmary for six years and also School Director. For three years he served as a member of the School Board. Fraternally, he is a Mason and belongs to the Blue Lodge and Elliott Lodge at Canal Fulton, taking great interest in the work. Although our subject is not connected with any religious body, he contributes generously to the support of Gospel teaching.

DANIEL J. SNYDER. Many of the native-born citizens of this county have adopted an agricultural career and accomplished their purpose of securing good homes, wherein all the comforts of our advanced civilization may be enjoyed. Among this number was the gentleman above named, who departed this life December 20, 1890, at his beautiful home. The estate consists of one hundred acres, on which stand the various outbuildings thought necessary by a progressive farmer, together with a comfortable residence. The soil is naturally fertile, and every effort is being made to increase its productiveness by a proper rotation of crops.

Mr. Snyder was a native of this county, having been born June 21, 1846, and was the son of Reuben and Eliza Snyder, natives of Pennsylvania. Daniel J. was reared to mature years in Bethlehem Township and was trained to farm pursuits, which calling he followed throughout life. Several years previous to his death, however, he was engaged in carrying on an extensive agricultural implement business, in which branch of trade he was very successful. Young Snyder, like other farmer lads, received a practical education in the schools, and being eager to obtain a good education, pursued a systematic course of reading, and thus obtained a good knowledge of books.

October 22, 1868, Daniel J. Snyder and Evaline Cogan, also a native of this county, and the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Cogan, were united in marriage. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, and emigrated to this county with his parents when very young. Her mother was also a native of the Keystone State, and became a resident of this locality in her girlhood. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Cogan located in Pike Township, where the father, who was one of the prominent citizens and early settlers died, December 27, 1890, when in his eighty-first year. The mother, who is still living, makes her home in the above-named township and has attained a good old age. Of the ten children born to them six survive, namely: Evaline, Jesse, Emeline, Amanda, Emzi and Lomas.

Daniel Snyder, of this sketch, by his marriage with Miss Cogan became the father of three children: Elmer H., Florence A., and Myrtle O. He was a firm adherent of the Democratic party and took an active interest in school affairs, having served as Director for several years. He gave liberally of his time and means for every worthy object, and deserves praise for the success he achieved, having raised himself from the position of a poor boy to that of a well-to-do agriculturist.

He of whom we write was a prominent member of the United Brethren Church, in which body he has held the positions of Steward, Trustee and

Sunday-school Superintendent. He was a man of good principles, and his acts were guided by a high sense of honor and unswerving integrity. His death was severely felt in his community, as he was a man highly respected and widely known. In social matters, he was a member of the Grange, to which order his wife also belonged. The latter, as the years come creeping on, is enjoying the consciousness of years well and profitably spent, and surrounded by warm personal friends, is going peacefully down the pathway of life.

THE INDEPENDENT PUBLISHING COMPANY. In the columns of the *Independent*, which is a familiar visitor to the home of almost every resident of Massillon in both daily and weekly form, the principles and ideas of its publishers, J. O. R. and R. B. Skinner, are found reflected. They are both energetic, live newspaper men, and from their hands comes a bright and spicy sheet, which is notable for its local news and the excellent reviews under editorial headings of events of national as well as local importance. Having identified our subjects with the work that promises to be their life work, let us turn to the personal history of these men who, though still young, have taken so prominent a place in the community.

The father of our subjects, Mr. A. T. Skinner, was born in Kendall, now Massillon, August 15, 1824. His father was Charles K., and was born in Hartford, Conn. His parents were farmers there, and the family estate covered a tract of what is now a portion of the city of Hartford. Charles K. was reared in his native State, and was engaged in woolen manufacture. He came to Ohio in 1812, making his way on horseback over the mountains from New York City to Kendall. He was then twenty years of age and found employment in the woolen factory in the town. Later, he leased it, and in 1831 he built a mill in Massillon on the corner of Factory and Charles Streets, put in power looms, and ran it on an extensive scale until his retirement from active business life. He died in 1875, at the age of eighty-four years. He was a clever man and an active projector of all public enterprises. The wife of Charles K. Skinner was Eliza Reed. She was born near Boston, Mass., and was a daughter of Thomas Reed, who was an early settler and farmer in Jackson Township, this county.

Our subjects' father was reared and educated in Massillon. Naturally, he spent a good deal of time in his father's woolen mills when a boy, and early became an expert judge of all the branches of that industry. He was placed in charge of the woolen department, and continued with his father until they closed the factory. He had charge of the buying and shipping department, and still continues in the business. His wife was Miss Cecelia Van Rensselaer, who was born in Canton. She was a daughter of Sanders Van Rensselaer, one of the earliest settlers of that city. She departed this life in 1881, leaving four children, whose names are Charles, J. O. R., Robert B. and Bessie.

Both the gentlemen of whom we write were born, reared and educated in their present field of labor. The senior member, Mr. J. O. R., is the Secretary and Business Manager of the company, and Robert is the Editor. The political tenor of the sheet which they send out is Republican and their following throughout the county is very large.

ELMER G. MYERS, M. D. One of the most skillful followers of Esculapius who is located in the city of Canton is the brilliant young physician whose name is quoted above. He was born in Reynoldsburgh, Franklin County, Ohio, June 4, 1863, and is a son of Henry W. Myers, also a native of Ohio, an able business man who now resides in Grandville. He in turn is a son of John Myers, a native of Virginia, the family having located in that State at an early day. The Myers are of German descent.

Our subject's mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Sarah Poole. She is a native of England, and a daughter of Samuel Poole. Elmer G. Myers is the eldest of four children, having one sister and two brothers. His boyhood days were passed at Reynoldsburgh, where he attended school. He later entered Dennison University at Grandville, where he was a student for three years. In the intervals of his collegiate work, he was engaged in teaching.

A position as Chief Clerk of the Railroad Mail Service, with headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind., was accepted by our subject, and retained for a year. He had read medicine for some time with Dr. J. B. Dysart, of Reynoldsburgh, and had fully determined to fit himself for the life of a medical practitioner. On severing his connections with the mail service, he attended lectures at the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated in March, 1889. He then located at Fredonia, Licking County. After remaining there for a short time, he came to Canton, where he has engaged in general practice. He has already established himself well, and is not only liked by his medical associates, but has a good practice in the city. He is a member of the Surgical and Pathological Society, and is a member of the Center Star Lodge at Grandville.

GEORGE BADER. This prominent German-American citizen, who is now a resident of Bethlehem Township, is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and was born August 29, 1833. He was reared in his native land until eighteen years of age, at which time he emigrated to America, the date of his passage being in 1852. He took passage at Havre on a sailing-vessel, and after a voyage which lasted forty-two days, he landed in New York City and proceeded directly to Ohio.

For a number of years, our subject was a resident of Tuscarawas County, and was engaged in work on a farm. He was employed by the month for a number of years, and finally rented a place, which he worked for himself. Accumulating enough to purchase, he secured a farm of his own and has since constantly forged ahead in his efforts to amass a comfortable sum against the days when he shall be incapacitated for labor. Mr. Bader received a fair education in his native tongue, and since coming to this country has picked up considerable knowledge of the English language, enough to enable him to transact business advantageously.

The original of this sketch was united in marriage with Christina Rapp, a native of Wurtemberg. They are the parents of the following children: Caroline, who is the wife of Samuel Parker; Martha, William, Ollie; Rachel A., who is the wife of John Richards; Clara, who is the wife of M. Smith; Mary, David, Lizzie and Ella. Mr. Bader now owns one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, which is well improved and very productive. He is a self-made man, who has omitted no opportunity to grow in every possible way. In church affairs, he and his family are Lutherans, and he has served in the church as a Deacon. He has also been School Director for a number of years. In short, he is an intelligent, successful agriculturist, and enjoys the confidence of the business community.

JACOB W. PAINTER. One of the finest homesteads in Sandy Township is owned and occupied by Mr. Painter, who was born in Pike Township, this county, November 10, 1829. The soil of this tract of land is not better than that of many others in the locality, but it has been carefully and intelligently tilled and means have been taken to secure buildings that will properly house the crops and stocks and give to the family pleasant and commodious quarters. The residence is a fine structure, of

pleasing architectural design and finished with many conveniences and means of enjoyment that our prosperous farmers are finding as necessary in their homes as in those of the dwellers in towns. The dwelling is surrounded by a beautiful lawn, and the attraction of the place is further enhanced by the many beautiful shrubs which adorn it.

Mr. Painter traces his ancestry to Germany, whence his great-grandfather emigrated in an early day and located in Pennsylvania. He was accompanied on the journey to America by two brothers, one of whom located with him in the Keystone State and the other made his home in New England. Jacob Painter, the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer by occupation and in connection with cultivating the soil operated a gristmill. When coming into possession of the mill, he also purchased a negro with whom he agreed that if he would run the mill for seven years he would give him his freedom, a seven-year lease on a tract of land, two horses, two cows and a wagon. This contract was carried out in full. The grandfather was a very prominent man, served as a Judge in the Court of Common Pleas and represented his district for a number of terms in the Legislature. His sons were also influential citizens and well-to-do farmers. He was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church and in politics voted for the Whig party. His good wife, who departed this life on her eighty-second birthday, was a remarkably fine business woman and a well-educated lady.

The father of our subject came to Pike Township in September, 1829, and located in a log cabin on the property, which bore but little improvement. In 1840, he made the brick from which his residence was constructed and there resided until 1866, actively engaged in developing his farm. For the succeeding two years, he made his home in Canton, and then returning to his country estate, remained there for eighteen months, when he again moved to the above city, where he died September 29, 1879. He was of a speculative turn of mind and devoted the greater portion of his time to buying and selling stock. With his wife he was an influential member of the Christian Church. He was a pronounced adherent of the Republican party, and took a deep interest in all things that pertained to the highest interest of the community of which he was a member.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Sarah A. Wynn; she was born in 1812, in Westmoreland County, Pa., and is at present living in Canton at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Her father, Jonathan Wynn, was a farmer in the Keystone State, where he died in 1840, aged seventy-three years. His father, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Painter, came from Wales. In religion he was a Baptist and his wife a Presbyterian. The parental family of our subject included twelve children, namely: Jacob W., Lucinda, Sarah J., Israel, Emeline, Savilla, Adeline, Margaret, Christopher, Isadore, Impertes and Luemma.

Jacob W. Painter of this sketch was reared to farming pursuits and educated in a log schoolhouse. When eighteen years old, he taught school in Pike Township and later was similarly engaged for three terms in Carroll County, this State. After attaining his majority, he worked at home until twenty-seven years of age, receiving for his labors $120 per year. He saved $100 each year from his earnings, and subsequently going to Southern Illinois, taught school for three years in Wayne and White Counties. Afterwards he engaged in buying and selling stock over a territory of five or six counties, making the handsome profit of $2,000. On the outbreak of the Civil War, the Ohio River being blockaded, he was obliged to abandon that line of business and, returning home, he put in a crop of wheat on his father's farm.

After his marriage, our subject purchased one hundred and seventy acres of his present farm, to which he added eighty acres the following year. Later opening a coal bank, he was engaged in its successful operation for three years, clearing during nine months in the year $16 per day. Although having extensive interests in that direction, he did not abandon his farm duties, but carried them on at the same time with great proficiency, and in everything connected with his business he was honorable and above-board. He has manifested much zeal in the prosecution of his affairs and

has shown excellent judgment in carrying on every enterprise in which he engaged.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Nancy A. Miller was solemized December 23, 1861. The lady was born in Tuscarawas County, this State, and became the mother of two children, one of whom is living, Violet, now Mrs. Homer Cooper, of Columbiana County, this State. Joseph died April 10, 1865, and the wife and mother passed away December 10 of the same year. In 1867, Mr. Painter was married to Susan Leyda, whose parents came from Washington County, Pa., to Carroll County in 1820.

The landed estate of our subject comprises four hundred and thirteen acres of choice farming land, the greater portion of which is under exceptionally fine cultivation and is one of the most valuable estates in the county. It is furnished with everything necessary and convenient in the way of farm buildings, and as an excellent manager, Mr. Painter has carried on his farming operations very profitably and occupies the front rank among the wealthy citizens of Stark County. He is engaged in mixed farming and gives considerable time to the breeding of cattle, sheep, horses, etc., shipping stock to Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Buffalo. His fine residence, which was completed in 1871, is a large and commodious structure and is supplied with all the conveniences of modern farm life. One of his large barns was erected in 1868, and another even larger barn was put up in 1887. Mr. Painter rents the greater portion of his land but gives his personal supervision to its cultivation. He has witnessed much of the growth of Stark County and it may well be his pride that he has contributed his quota toward its development and is materially adding to its prosperity. He is well known throughout this section of the State and none know him but to give him a full meed of respect and confidence.

He of whom we write is one of the pillars in the Christian Church, while his wife is connected with the Methodist denomination. In politics, he is a firm believer in Republican principles and was called upon by his fellow-citizens to serve as Land Appraiser in 1870. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which order he stands very high. In addition to his agricultural pursuits, Mr. Painter loans considerable money and has settled up several estates, one of which was valued at $40,000, another $21,000, and another at $18,000. He favors all things that will in any way improve his township and numbers many true friends among the people of the community where he has so long lived.

DAVID P. WEIMER, ex-Trustee of Sugar Creek Township, and a prominent and representative citizen, is a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., and was born in May, 1821. Thus it is seen that he is one of the venerable men of the vicinity, which is an additional claim to the regard and respect of his fellow-townsmen. Mr. Weimer is a son of Peter and Catherine (Berkey) Weimer. They were both natives of Pennsylvania and on both sides were of German extraction.

When the original of this sketch was a youth of fourteen years of age, he migrated in company with his parents to Stark County and settled in the southern portion of Sugar Creek Township. Their first home there was a log cabin with very few comforts and a great many deprivations and hardships. In those early days, when the country was not yet threaded with silver ribbons of railways, and science had not yet been applied to agricultural labor, pioneer life and work were hard indeed, and this our subject experienced both in its advantages and adversities. Our subject's father died in 1867. David P. had been reared to manhood in his adopted State and county and was inured to hard labor. His ambition supplemented the meagre advantages that he enjoyed in an educational way, and he was enabled to teach, which he did for three years. With that exception, his life has been spent as a farmer.

Mr. Weimer has never had any idea of vegetating in his calling, but has always kept posted on general as well as the local topics of the day. He

was married August 13, 1818, to Elizabeth Hurraw a native of Somerset County, Pa., and a daughter of Adam and Rebecca Hurraw. She made him an admirable wife and a congenial, loving companion. Her decease, which occurred March 13, 1889, called forth the highest encomiums for her domestic virtues by all who knew her. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and never neglects an opportunity to speak a good word for his party. For sixteen successive years he served as Township Trustee and was Clerk of Sugar Creek Township for some time. He is the owner of two hundred and ten acres of excellent farm land.

JOHN C. HERSHEY is prominently connected with the farming interests of Stark County and is one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of Canton Township, where he owns a valuable farm, pleasantly located on section 24. He is a native citizen of this State, his birth occurring in the City of Canton, September 27, 1835. His father, Joseph Hershey, was a native of the Keystone State, where his birth occurred December 3, 1809. His father, the grandfather of our subject, was of German descent, and, in addition to owning and operating two large farms, ran a distillery, which business Joseph Hershey also engaged in for some time. He later, however, learned the trade of a tanner, and although he began life with limited means, by industry and close attention to his business, attained a good position among his fellow-men. Deciding to make his future home in Ohio, he made the journey overland, accompanied by his wife and family, and stopping in the then hamlet of Canton he engaged in the butcher's business for about two years, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Samuel Petrick. Then, disposing of his interest in the shop, he removed to section 24, Canton Township, which was the property of his father-in-law, and establishing his family in the little log cabin which was on the place, began the work of clearing and tilling the soil. The man who would make a success of agriculture must be ready to take advantage of variations of the soil and climate and also to be keenly observant in regard to the methods of cultivation. The elder Mr. Hershey was for some years engaged in advancing the interests of his adopted county, and, with the exception of three years spent at the tanner's trade at Massillon, resided on the above farm until a few years prior to his death. Having had a stroke of palsy, he was unable to work and, removing to Canton, there resided until his death, which occurred November 25, 1880. He was a devoted member of the German Reformed Church, and endeavored to promote the good of his fellow-men in every way possible and thus interested himself in that which was progressive. A Whig in politics, on the organization of the Republican party he always voted for its candidates. His wife who, previous to her marriage, was Miss Lucy Brownwell, was born in Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of six children, four of whom are living, namely: John, William, Rebecca and Joseph. Like her husband, she was a devoted member of the German Reformed Church, and died in 1846.

George Brownwell, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Pennsylvania, where he was engaged as a butcher and drover. Having occasion to visit the Buckeye State in a business way, he became favorably impressed with the country, and in 1837, determining to make it his future home, came hither overland and purchased the southwest quarter of section 4 in Canton Township. There he resided with the father of our subject, and died at an advanced age, respected by all who knew him. His father was of German birth, and, coming to America in an early day, located in Pennsylvania.

Young Hershey, of this sketch, received his education in the district school and spent the intervals of study in the labors that usually devolve upon a farmer's son. He was only two years of age when his parents removed to Canton on their farm and he has no recollections of other scenes than the primitive ones in the midst of which he was reared. Beginning in life for himself at the age of twenty-three years, he rented land, and January 27, 1859,

was married to Miss Christina Deckard, who was born in this township September 1, 1837. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Swinehart) Deckard, natives of Pennsylvania, the father having been born in Berks County, February 6, 1794, and the mother August 1, 1797. Her father was a farmer by occupation and after his marriage, August 12, 1817, remained in his native State until 1828, when he made a trip over the mountains to Stark County and located on the southwest quarter of section 28 in Canton Township. Building a log cabin on his undeveloped farm, he at once began the preliminary work of clearing his tract and preparing it for cultivation. Canton Township received a valuable acquisition to its citizenship when Mr. Deckard took up his residence within its bounds. He was a man of remarkably strong constitution and a hard worker, making oak shingles at the advanced age of eighty years. To himself and wife was born a family of ten children, all of whom are living at the present time. He died January 31, 1888, aged ninety-three years, eleven months and twenty-five days, being preceded to the better land by his good wife, who died April 12, 1877. He was baptized and confirmed in his youth a member of the German Reformed Church, while Mrs. Deckard, who was reared in the Lutheran Church, was a member of that body. At the time of their decease, their loss was mourned by ten children, sixty-two grandchildren and sixty-five great-grandchildren.

Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hershey, three are living: Louis, Charles B., and Edward M. The four deceased are Emma M., Mary E., Clara L., and Howard F. After his marriage, our subject lived on rented property for about twelve years, when, in 1871, he moved upon his present farm, upon which he has placed a full set of substantial and well-arranged buildings. His energy, enterprise and business tact have been prominent agents in pushing forward the agricultural interests of his township and in advancing its material prosperity. His estate comprises thirty-two and one-half acres and is adorned with a fine frame residence, which was erected in 1888, and a large barn built in 1871. He is engaged in mixed farming and has on his place a great variety of fruits, which keep the family supplied with their products in their season. He and his good wife belong to the German Reformed Church and the sincerity of their religion is shown by their conduct in the everyday affairs of life. Mr. Hershey is a Republican in politics and has served in the position of Assessor of his township.

M J. HOGAN is the Master Mechanic for the C. Aultman Works, and also President of the City Water Works. He is a native of Waterloo, Seneca County, N. Y., and was born December 23, 1854. He is a son of John and Mary (Maloney) Hogan, both natives of Ireland, who settled in New York State on coming to the United States. His father was a farmer, and of the four sons and two daughters in the family four are now living. Of these our subject is the youngest.

Mr. Hogan was reared in his native county. He was only six months old when his father died, and the family removed to Waterloo, where he received a good education in the public schools. He was but fifteen years of age when he began to learn his trade as a mechanic. He served a full apprenticeship in Waterloo, and after perfecting himself he went to Albany, N. Y., where he worked for a few years. Thence he went to Palmyra, N. Y. and was employed in the Globe Printing Press Works. From there he went to Phelps, N. Y., and was employed in engine building.

On first coming to Ohio, our subject went to Akron, but made only a short stay there, when he went to Batavia, N. Y. In 1876, he came to Canton and became engaged with the Aultman Company, who manufacture threshing-machines and engines. He was a journeyman worker at first, but was soon promoted, and finally became foreman of these immense works in 1882, which position he still fills, having charge of about two hundred men. His personal attention is given to the engine-building department. As a mechanic, Mr. Hogan

has few, if any, superiors, and his work for the firm soon proved this fact. He has gained for himself since coming to Canton many friends, and is now serving his third term as President of the Board of Water Works. He has also been President of the Board of Equalization for two terms. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and also belongs to the Royal Arcanum. He belongs to two orders of American Mechanics.

Our subject was married in 1879 to Miss Letitia Whiteleather, a daughter of Dr. Whiteleather, of this county. From this union there have been born five sons: Thaddeus, Ludwill, Russell, Max and Paul.

FRANK M. WYANT is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Wrought Iron Bridge Company of Canton, Ohio. He was born in Mt. Pleasant, Jefferson County, this State, October 26, 1858, and is a son of William H. and Anna (Withrow) Wyant. His father and mother were both natives of this State. The former was a photographer and followed that calling until the close of the war. He was then employed by the Government as Revenue Assessor for the Seventeenth District of Ohio, which position he held for a number of years.

William Wyant was afterward employed as a storekeeper, and until 1877 acted as gauger in distilleries for the same district. Since then he has been employed in the coal business, and is now with the Universal Machine Company of Canton.

Frank W. Wyant is the eldest child and only son of a family of four. He passed his youth in this city, and here enjoyed good school advantages. After finishing his school days at the age of thirteen, he was employed in the City Bank as city messenger, remaining with that corporation until they closed business in 1875. From that time until 1882, he held a position as paying and receiving teller in the First National Bank of Canton, and in 1882 he was employed as book-keeper in the Wrought Iron Bridge Company. Three years later he was elected Secretary with the same company, and the following year was elected Secretary and Treasurer, which position he now holds. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the same company.

In 1880, Mr. Wyant married Miss Elinora Middaugh of this city, a daughter of Nelson Middaugh. Our subject and his wife are the proud parents of two sons, whose names are William and and Ralph. As a member of the City Board of Trade, Mr. Wyant has been of great service to the city. He is one of the Directors of the Board. Fraternally, he belongs to Canton Lodge No. 60, F. & A. M., and is also a member of Canton Chapter No. 84, R. A. M., and Commandery No. 38, K. T. That he stands high in Masonry, is shown by the fact that he belongs to Alkoran Temple and to the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, Ohio. The family residence is located at No. 238 North Cleveland Avenue. It is a handsome frame structure of modern architecture, containing all the latest improvements, and with the most perfectly ordered surroundings. That its interior is quite in keeping with the exterior, goes without saying, for its mistress is a woman of taste and culture.

JOHN YUTZEY. Our subject is one of the old-time residents of North Industry, and belongs to that devoted class of people who are known as Dunkards. He was born in this township on section 17, March 28, 1822. He is a son of George Yutzey, a native of Germany, who came to America with his parents when a youth of but nine years of age. The voyage across was made in the days of the slow sailing-vessels and consumed seventy-five days.

George Yutzey's family settled in Somerset County, Pa., and later came to Stark County and settled in Canton Township. This was at a time when there were only two or three log cabins on

the present site of Canton. The family entered a tract of Government land there, and there Grandfather Yutzey died. There were then plenty of Indians in the country, and although they frequently frightened the white settlers, they were as a rule friendly. Deer and small game abounded in this well-watered and fertile region and the terrifying howls of wolves were often heard around the cabin.

The Yutzey family located in North Industry Township about 1820. They built a log cabin in the woods and began to clear up their farm. The nearest market was at Cleveland, and when the father went to dispose of the produce of the farm or of the skins which he secured, he brought back with him leather and salt. He was a hard worker, and amassed what was at that time a nice competency. He owned two farms comprising one hundred and sixty acres each. His wife's maiden name was Catherine Gerber, who was born in Somerset County, Pa. She reared the following children: Annie, John, Lizzie, David and Martha. By a previous marriage she was the mother of two children. She died at the age of seventy-eight years. Her husband was a devoted church member and a lay preacher for the greater part of his life. He was in sympathy with the Whig party.

Our subject's maternal grandfather was Christian Gerber, a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the earliest settlers in Canton Township, this county, where he entered considerable Government land. He was quite a hunter and bore the marks of an encounter with a bear to his grave. He developed a farm, where he spent the remainder of his life and died at a good old age. John Yutzey was reared on the home farm and learned the "three R's" in the pioneer log schoolhouse. He recollects seeing herds of deer and flocks of wild turkey. He helped his father develop the farm and began for himself at the age of twenty-two years.

Our subject was married in 1844 to Hannah Flickinger, a native of Tuscarawas County. They became the parents of five children, of whom three are yet living. They are David, Jacob and Amos. Mr. and Mrs. Yutzey settled after marriage on a part of the home farm, and our subject combined the carpenter's trade with his work as a farmer. He received fifty-nine acres belonging to the old homestead and now owns two hundred and ten acres, nearly all of which are well improved. He has three good farms which are distinguished by the excellent class of buildings they bear. He devotes himself to mixed farming, raising stock and grain principally. He has also raised some very fine sheep, and both fine and coarse wools find a ready market when offered by him. In his business as a carpenter, he has put up many of the houses and barns in this county.

Mr. Yutzey lost his first wife in 1887. Two years later, he again married, his bride being Hannah Lance, who was born in Holmes County. Mr. Yutzey and his wife were both members of the German Baptist Church, in which our subject is a Deacon. He is a Republican in politics, and has been very successful in his financial business.

JOHN H. SMITH, foreman for C. Aultman & Co., of Canton, has spent almost his entire life in Stark, his native county. He was born in Plain Township, July 18, 1830, and is a son of John D. and Mary (Hollinger) Smith, both of whom were natives of Franklin County, Pa. The former was born January 16, 1783, and the latter in 1788. They were married in the Keystone State, and in 1814 left the East, emigrating to Ohio. They settled upon a farm in Plain Township, Stark County, where, in the midst of the then unbroken forest, Mr. Smith hewed out a farm, being the estate which adjoins the present County Infirmary farm on the south. He continued to engage in the cultivation and improvement of the land until his death, which occurred in 1851. His wife passed away some years previous, being called to the home beyond in 1840. They were pioneer settlers of this county, where they located ere the Indians had left for their Western reservations, and endured all the hardships of frontier life. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the parents of eight children, seven of whom grew to mature years, of whom our

subject and three sisters are yet living, viz: Elizabeth, a widow, now in her seventy-sixth year, who occupies the old homestead; Margaret, born October 21, 1821, is a widow, residing in New Berlin, and Delilah, who was born January 13, 1827, is the wife of Charles Martin, of Plain Township.

The subject of this sketch is the youngest of the family. In the usual manner of farmer lads, the days of his boyhood and youth were passed. He remained at home until eighteen years of age, when in the spring of 1849, he went to Canton to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1854. In that year, he entered the employ of C. Aultman & Co., and worked in the wood department until 1865, when he purchased an interest in the works. To this line of business he has since devoted his energies with excellent success. He traveled as general agent for three successive years and has since been in the works, having charge of the buying of the lumber, great quantities of which are used.

In 1853, Mr. Smith was joined in wedlock with Miss Catherine E. Lovett, of Canton, the eldest daughter of Rodman and Catherine (Lovett), who emigrated to Ohio, in 1830. Her father is still living and is a resident of Rome City, Ind., being now in his eighty-fourth year. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside at No. 85 South Cleveland Avenue. They have a wide acquaintance throughout the community and their friends are many.

JOHN MOBLEY. Death has laid an icy finger upon the heart of the man who was known by the name above to so extensive a circle of friends and business acquaintances. He ever held a high place in the esteem of his fellow-men, and his example, like that of other good men is by no means lost to his family or the community of which he was so important a factor.

Mr. Mobley was born in Wayne County, Ohio, near Orville, February 15, 1815. His father, E. Mobley, was a native of the Isle of Man. His mother's maiden name was Sarah Bare. Our subject was the eldest of a family of seven children, and the child was early made to feel the reality of life, for he was bereft of a father's care and protection at the age of fourteen. He started out for himself at that time and gave his assistance to his mother toward rearing the rest of the family. He had received a good foundation for an English education in the common schools near his home. At the age of eighteen years, he was apprenticed to learn the saddler's and harness maker's trade, working at Canton under John Buckrie. After mastering it, he started a similar business for himself at Brookfield, but only remained there two years.

Our subject was married April 12, 1834, to Mary Gibson. The same year they located at Canal Fulton, to which place he moved his saddlery and harness business, conducting it in connection with a tan-yard. He later sold out the first-mentioned interest and started the shoe business, which he continued in until about one year preceding his death, when he retired from active business.

After the death of his first wife, Mr. Mobley was again married, April 28, 1847, this time to Miss Mary Augustine. She was born one mile from Brookfield, April 29, 1828, and is a daughter of Andrew A. and Elizabeth (Slusser) Augustine. Both parents died when Mrs. Mobley was a child of but five years of age, the father being a victim of the cholera. They left a family of eight children, two of whom were married. Rebecca is the wife of Jacob Ritter, and Amanda, the wife of Benjamin Boman. Each of these sisters took three of the children to rear. Mrs. Mobley entered the family of her sister Rebecca, and remained with her until ten years of age, when she went to live with a cousin. Her marriage took place while she was an inmate of that family.

Mrs. Mobley has been the mother of three children, all of whom are deceased. They were as follows: Charles A., who left a wife and two children; Francis F. and Ellsworth E. The last son died January 8, 1892. John Mobley was at one time a Democrat; later, he became a Republican, and during the last two years of his life

espoused the cause of the Prohibitionists. He was a member of the School Board and also of the City Council. Fraternally, he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in church relations was, with his wife, a Methodist. By his first marriage, he was the father of four daughters, two of whom died in infancy. Letitia, who became the wife of M. E. Wilcox, died in 1877; Belle is the wife of S. F. Cling and resides in Canal Fulton.

JACOB REINOEHL is a prominent and influential pioneer citizen of Stark County, who resides in Tuscarawas Township on a fine farm located on section 3. He is a native of Lebanon County, Pa., where he was born March 23, 1825. He is a son of Henry and Mollie M. Reinoehl, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and of German origin. Henry Reinoehl migrated with his family from Pennsylvania to Stark County in 1831, making the journey hither in company with several other families with wagons. The exodus consumed about twenty-one days. After arriving here, the Reinoehl family settled on the farm where our subject now resides. It had been partially cleared before they came to it and bore a small log house, which was the home. The Reinoehl family comprised eleven children, and of these three only survive. They are: Mary, who lives in Massillon; Daniel, a resident of the same place, and our subject.

Jacob Reinoehl grew up in his adopted home amid scenes of pioneer life. His boyhood days were largely occupied in clearing and improving the farm, in connection with his father and brothers. The public roads, too, came in for a share of their attention and labor. His knowledge of the "three R's" was acquired in the old log cabin, where slabs, supported by pins, served as benches, and inclined boards, ranged along the sides on the walls, served as writing-desks. He finished his education, however, in a better school.

Our subject was married, October 25, 1865, his bride being Miss Mary A. Sponsler, who was born in this county, November 25, 1848. She was a daughter of Alexander and Mary Sponsler, early settlers of Tuscarawas Township Her mother still survives and lives in Illinois. By this union, Mr. and Mrs. Reinoehl became the parents of two daughters: Carrie D. and Ida M., the latter the wife of Frank Shoup. Our subject owns one hundred and eighty-five acres of land, and is reaping the fruits of his energy and industry in the competency he now enjoys.

For a number of years the original of this sketch has served as School Director, and has also held other minor offices. Politically, he casts his vote and influence with the Republicans. In church affairs, he is identified with the Lutheran denomination.

As a pioneer, Mr. Reinoehl has witnessed the astonishing growth of this section of country, and especially that of the city of Massillon. Within his memory it was but a small hamlet. The greater portion of his life has been spent on the farm where he now lives. Mrs. Reinoehl is a member of the Lutheran Church, and both she and her husband are highly esteemed in social circles.

JUDGE JOHN W. ALBAUGH, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Ohio, and a prominent lawyer of Canton, has the honor of being a native of the Buckeye State. He was born on the 4th of July, 1844, in Tuscarawas County, and is a son of Ezra and Elizabeth (Walters) Albaugh. His father was born in Carroll County, Ohio, February 13, 1807, and was a son of William Albaugh, who was a native of Maryland, and of German descent. Ezra Albaugh was a farmer by occupation, and followed that business throughout his entire life. He married Elizabeth Walters, who was born in Holiday Cove, Va., January 27, 1819, and was a daughter of Jacob Walters of Irish descent. During her girlhood

she came to Ohio, her parents settling in Tuscarawas County, where she was reared. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Albaugh located upon a farm in that county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. His death occurred April 4, 1885, and his wife, who survived him about six years, died January 14, 1891. They were the parents of thirteen children, but only four lived to maturity.

The Judge is the eldest of the surviving members of the family. He spent his boyhood days in the labors of the farm and in attendance at the district school during its winter sessions. His education was completed in a select school. He began teaching at the age of eighteen years, and followed that profession for several terms, during which time he reached the determination to make the practice of law his life work. He began reading in the office of Judge James Patrick, of New Philadelphia, and after thorough preparation was admitted to the Bar, April 25, 1869, in Carrollton, Ohio. He located in New Philadelphia in October of the same year, and formed a partnership with Judge J. H. Barnhill, the connection continuing until 1872, when Mr. Albaugh was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Tuscarawas County for a term of two years. In 1874, he formed a partnership with Hon. John S. Graham, and, as a member of the firm, continued to engage in legal practice until 1882, when he went to Canton, Ohio, and became a member of the firm of Albaugh & Welty, his partner being John C. Welty. This connection continued until 1884, when our subject was elected Circuit Judge for two years to fill a vacancy. In 1886, he was re-elected for a term of six years, and on the expiration of the term will have served in that office eight years. His circuit comprises the fifteen counties of Stark, Wayne, Holmes, Ashland, Richland, Delaware, Morrow, Knox, Fairfield, Licking, Muskingum, Coshocton, Tuscarawas, Morgan, and Perry.

On the 16th of August, 1866, Judge Albaugh was united in marriage with Miss Estella Seran, of New Cumberland, Tuscarawas County, daughter of Micajah and Sarah Seran. Unto them have been born two sons, Thurlow K. and Walter A. Their home is situated at No. 242 North Market Street. The Judge and his family are widely and favorably known in the community, and have a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

In his political affiliations, Judge Albaugh is a Democrat. He is a prominent lawyer, well versed in his profession, and has been very successful in practice. As a Judge his rulings are wise and just, unbiased by fear or favor, and he has won high encomiums from all who have marked his career in this line.

JOHN C. FREMONT PUTMAN. The improvements that have taken place in the dry-goods industry have made establishments engaged in that business veritable bazaars. A prominent dry-goods house in Massillon is the "Bee-Hive," conducted by Allman & Putman, and which is located at Nos. 11 and 13 West Main Street. This is in all respects the leading establishment of its kind in the city, if not in the county, and a very complete assortment of everything in their line is carried, every department being replete with the latest novelties. The prices quoted, too, are rock-bottom figures, yet no inferior goods are placed in stock, patrons being assured of receiving honest value and satisfactory treatment in this deservedly popular store. They carry a large and complete line of carpets of all the latest patterns, and as they go to Boston and New York City six times a year, they are sure to have all the newest and latest styles. The house also enjoys the reputation of being emphatically the headquarters for bargains in all kinds of dress goods. The junior member of the firm, J. C. F. Putman, is an excellent business man, and is clever and accommodating. He was born in Beach City, Stark County, Ohio, and is a son of T. C. Putman, who was born in Wilmot, Ohio.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Putman, was born near Lancaster, Pa., and was of English descent. The first of his family who emigrated to this country were two brothers, one of

whom settled in Vermont and the other in Pennsylvania, and our subject is a descendant of the Pennsylvania branch. The grandfather followed the occupation of a farmer in his native State for many years, but the fertile soil of Ohio tempted him to settle within the borders of that State and he located at Wilmot at an early date. The country was almost a wilderness at that time. He devoted his time principally to farming and there passed the closing scenes of his life, dying in 1880, when eighty-four years of age. The father of our subject, T. C. Putman, was reared on a farm, and when it became necessary for him to choose some calling in life, it was perhaps only natural that he should select the one to which he had been reared. He purchased a farm near Wilmot, and added to it from time to time until he had eight hundred acres of well-improved land. He now resides in Beach City and from his pretty rural and attractive home he can look over five of his farms. He has been unusually successful and is principally engaged in stock-raising.

At the first tap of the drum during the Civil War, he enlisted in the Fourth Ohio Infantry as Lieutenant and his first engagement was the battle of Bull Run. He remained in service three months and then returned to the peaceful pursuit of farming. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and in politics is a strong Republican. For nine years he was Infirmary Director of Stark County, and has held other positions of trust. In his religious views, he is a Methodist and an active worker in that church. He married Miss Elizabeth Griffith, a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Her father, who was of a prominent New England family, settled in Tuscarawas County, and was at one time in charge of the Sugar Creek Falls Water Cure. Later, he removed to Butler, Ind., and there his death occurred. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Putman, only two of whom reached mature years, our subject and his sister Alice, who is now Mrs. C. B. Allman, of Massillon.

The original of this notice was born on the 10th of July, 1856, and remained on his father's farm until he had completed a district-school education. After this he attended the Massillon High School and finished at Mt. Union College, this county, where he remained one year. He then started in business for himself at Wilmot, under the firm name of Putman & Wyandt, in the dry-goods business, and there laid the foundation for his subsequent prosperous career. This firm continued for three years, and then our subject and Mr. Leighley bought out Allman & Wetter and continued the business under the firm title of Putman & Leighley. This lasted until 1885. Two years later, Mr. Leighley retired and the firm has since been conducted under the title of Allman & Putman.

Our subject was married in Orville, this State, in 1885, to Miss Clara Beidler, daughter of Joseph Beidler, who was born in Wayne County, Ohio, and who was an old settler of that county. The latter followed farming in Wayne County for many years, was afterward in the dry-goods business, but is now engaged in the furniture business. To Mr. and Mrs. Putman has been born one child, Helen. Mr. Putman is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is also a member of other orders. In politics, he is an ardent supporter of Republican principles.

WILLIAM LICHTENWALTER. The genial gentleman who so ably fills the office of City Clerk in Canton, Ohio, is he whose name is quoted above. He was born in Crestline, Crawford County, this State, August 14, 1855. His parents were Abraham and Mary (Retz) Lichtenwalter. The father was a lumber dealer, purchasing large amounts of walnut from Chicago parties. He followed this business until his death, which occurred in January, 1867.

The original of this sketch is the third in order of birth of a family of six children, there being three boys and three girls, of whom four are now living. Grandfather John Lichtenwalter passed his last days in Stark County, as did also the great-grandfather, who died in his eightieth year. The family, in its different ramifications, is very extensive, and at four reunions which were held,

there were two thousand persons present, some coming as far as Australia in order to trace their ancestry in this country back for two hundred years.

Our subject passed his early boyhood days in Indiana, and at the tender age of eleven he entered a printing office. He later pursued the same calling at Wabash in the same State, and from there moved to Warsaw. He came to Canton in 1870, when he entered the office of the Stark County *Democrat*, at that time a weekly paper. He was employed as a compositor, and was on that paper for eight years. He then became associated with the Canton *Repository*, remaining in that employment until 1891. The following month he was elected City Clerk on the straight Republican ticket, and has since that time faithfully performed the duties incident to the office. For thirty-five years he has been associated with his party, and is recognized as one of its valued local workers. He has the honor of being the only Republican who has ever represented the Fifth Ward, which is strongly Democratic. In 1890, he was appointed Census Enumerator for his ward. Fraternally, Mr. Lichtenwalter is a member of the American Legion of Honor. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Our subject was married in 1878 to Miss Ollie Ballard, of the city of Canton. She is a daughter of James F. Ballard. They have three sons: Franklin B., William Whitcomb and Donald O.

JOHN J. L. DUMONT was for many years one of the most prominent and best-known citizens of Stark County, where he was a thrifty and wide-awake agriculturist, having a good estate located in Perry Township. He was a native of France, having been born near Paris, July 25, 1816, and was the son of Louis and Mary A. (Gillette) Dumont, both of whom were also natives of that Republic. His father was a soldier in the French army under Napoleon the Great and participated in many important battles under that General. Mr. Dumont loved his adopted country and its institutions, and was an honest, upright citizen and a kindly gentleman, whose friendly and unassuming ways and genial hospitality at his home near Massillon did much to brighten and to cheer the circles of social intercourse. He was a kind husband and loving father, and by his death, at the age of seventy-five years, a true Christian man was removed.

When eighteen years of age, our subject came with his parents to this country, taking passage at Havre on a sailing-vessel, and after a tedious voyage of forty days landed in New York, whence they proceeded directly to this county, making location in Jackson Township. Our subject was given an excellent education in his native tongue and after coming to the New World gained a fair knowledge of the English language. He was a man of extraordinary energy, enterprise and business tact, and under his vigorous management his estate yielded him an excellent income.

August 28, 1840, John Dumont and Miss Melina M. Mary, who was born in Belfort, Alsace, France, October 22, 1820, were united in marriage. The lady was the daughter of Nicholas and Mary T. (Marcono) Mary, also natives of that country and who emigrated to America when Mrs. Dumont was six years of age. Immediately upon landing in New York City, they came West to this county and made their home in a log cabin. That rude structure later gave way to a more comfortable residence after the father had placed his land under more thorough cultivation and it began to yield an income. Mrs. Dumont was reared to womanhood in her native county and after her marriage removed with her husband to Jackson Township, where they were residing at the time of our subject's decease. Since that time, Mrs. Dumont has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Calvin Clay, who is residing in Perry Township, near Massillon.

To our subject and his estimable wife were born eight children, seven of whom survive. Henry, the eldest son, is a farmer and owns a beautiful farm of two hundred and fifty acres near Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He married Jane Clay and they have four children: Edward, John, Clara and Emma.

Hermance, wife of J. I. Clay, also lives near Chagrin Falls, Ohio, where they own a fine farm, containing over two hundred acres of land. They have two boys, Cassious and Edward.

Amelious married Nancy Sholder and is now living at Canton. They have two daughters, Ida and Carrie. His childhood was spent on the farm, where he lived until he was eighteen years of age. He then began his business career as a clerk in his brother's store and subsequently engaged in business on his own account, which he has since conducted successfully. His place of business is located on West Eighth Street, Canton.

At the age of eighteen years, after having received a good education, Louis became clerk in John R. Miller's grocery store at Canton, in which capacity he remained a number of years. He afterward purchased a lot near the square on Main Street, where he conducted the grocery business successfully for over twenty years. Aside from his business associations, he has filled a number of local positions of responsibility in the city and township, having served as Township Treasurer for many years. He is a man of fine business ability, quiet, cautious, strictly honorable, and greatly esteemed in the community for his genial, social nature, and agreeable manner.

Olympia and her husband, Calvin Clay, have two children, Edna and Harry. They are living on their farm, containing over two hundred acres, near Massillon. Flora and her husband, Joseph A. Pierson, who is engaged in the lumber business, are living at Berlin, Ohio. They also own a farm, containing one hundred and sixty-one acres, near New Berlin. They have one child living, a son named Raymond J. Edward was educated principally in the country schools, graduating, however, at the Smithville Academy. He was engaged for many years as book-keeper and salesman by his brother Louis, who was doing a business in Canton. In 1890, he went to California, where he invested in real estate, which has proved to be a good investment. William, an adopted child, born in October, 1861, married Mary, daughter of Joseph Rigler, the oldest policeman in Canton. He is now employed by Dannemiller & Sons, wholesale dealers at Canton.

John L. Dumont always took an intelligent interest in educational matters and served as School Director for some time. His political affiliations were with the Democratic party. He was a man whose sturdy honesty made him trusted and respected by the entire community. He was industrious, and the result of his labors, united with the counsel and sympathy of a loving companion, placed him among the well-to-do citizens of the county.

REV. J. F. KUEBLER, pastor of the St. Philip and St. James' Church, of Canal Fulton, was born in Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio, on the 21st of June, 1849, and is the second child and eldest son in a family of thirteen children. His parents were Anthony and Frances (Schabacher) Kuebler. His father was born in Baden, and his mother in Bavaria, Germany. In 1832, they emigrated to America and went direct to Tiffin, Ohio. The father was a shoemaker by trade. The children of the family were as follows: Frances, James F., Joseph, Lewis, William, Charles, Alphonsus, Hermann, Rose, Anna, Johnnie, Rose and Emma.

Father Kuebler attended the schools of Tiffin between the ages of five and sixteen years. He learned the printer's trade, becoming an expert type-setter. He was a student in Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, of Cincinnati, Ohio, from 1866 until 1871, and in September of that year went to St. Mary's Seminary, of Cleveland, where he remained until 1875. On the 4th of July of that year, he was ordained, and was placed in charge of the St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Catholic Churches in Rockport, Ohio, there being a membership of forty-two families in the former and thirty-five in the latter.

On the 22d of February, 1891, the Rev. Mr. Kuebler was called to take charge of the St. Philip and St. James' Church, in Canal Fulton, which has a membership of ninety families. He also has charge of four missions, located in Barber-

ton, Orrville, Marshallville and Burton City, to which belong some seventy families in all. The church in Canal Fulton is one of the largest in the county. The house of worship is a fine brick edifice and the parsonage is a commodious two-story residence, also built of brick. Father Kuebler is doing good work in this community and is highly esteemed by his people. He is a pleasant, social man of agreeable manners and is well liked by all who know him, whether Catholic or Protestant.

CHARLES C. UPHAM, attorney-at-law in Canton, claims Ohio as his native State, his birth having occurred in Columbiana County in the year 1854. He belongs to a family distinguished for its able and prominent lawyers. His father, William Keyes Upham, who was for many years a prominent member of the Stark County Bar, was a native of Vermont, born in Montpelier on the 3d of April, 1817. He was a graduate at the Burlington (Va.) University, and afterward read law with his father, a United States Senator, who died during his second term of office. William K. Upham was admitted to the Bar at Montpelier, Vt., in the Supreme Court of the State, and practiced law there for many years.

In 1844, Mr. Upham was united in marriage with Miss Maria E. Weeks, a native of Hardwick, Vt., and the daughter of William Weeks. After their union, Mr. and Mrs. Upham settled in Montpelier, where he was a successful and popular practitioner. In 1847, he removed with his family to Columbiana County, Ohio, and located at New Lisbon, where he conducted a successful law practice until 1859. Removing thence to Canton, he there carried on a very lucrative and successful practice up to the time of his death. He died in 1865, in Columbiana County, where he had been called to try an important suit. He was an intimate friend of Edwin M. Stanton, Thomas Corwin, John A. Bingham, and other prominent men, and during the war was called several times to Washington to confer with Stanton, then Secretary of War. He was a man of keen perceptive faculties, correct judgment, and a forcible and eloquent speaker. His wife, whose womanly qualities are well known, is still living, and is highly esteemed by all favored with her acquaintance. At present, she is occupying the family homestead at No. 55 West Tuscarawas Street, and is pleasantly situated. She was born in Hardwick, Vt., February 10, 1826, and inherited English blood from her father, William Weeks. The Uphams are also of English descent and honorable lineage.

The subject of this notice is a prominent young attorney of Canton, and has already met with signal success at the Bar. He is a forcible and fluent speaker and a deep reasoner, and has the capacity for patient investigation and exhaustive research, unflagging industry and unswerving integrity, to insure a successful and honorable career. His early education, intellectual bent, legal training and self-discipline have combined to fit him most admirably for the law practice.

HON. HENRY S. BELDEN. Canton has for many years been noted as a manufacturing place with good distributing facilities, and many important industries thrive there that find a market in all parts of the Union. Among these is the Stoneware Company, of which our subject is President. Mr. Belden is a native of Canton, and was born July 4, 1840. He is a son of Geo. W. and Rachael (McCormish) Belden. The former was a native of Connecticut, but was reared for the most part in Canandaigua, N. Y. He was an attorney of high standing.

Our subject's father removed to Canton in 1830, and here continued his law practice, which consisted principally in settling difficulties originat-

ing in the construction of the Ohio Canal. He practiced in all the courts, and was widely known and very popular. He was appointed United States District Attorney, but died before the time for taking his seat, his decease occurring in 1868, when at the age of sixty-five years.

Henry S. is the only son of the Belden family. He passed his boyhood in Canton, and his early school days in the village school. Later, he became a student at Kenyon College, this State, after which he entered Wittenberg College, at Springfield, Ohio. He finally graduated from the Cincinnati University in 1861, and the same year was admitted to practice at the Bar in the United States Court. He then commenced his practice in Canton and continued for six months. The coal interests were beginning to assume importance at that time, and he embarked in those and mining quite extensively, and continued to be thus interested for several years.

After quitting the coal business, Mr. Belden dealt quite extensively in real estate, and at this period was elected Mayor of the city. About this time he turned his attention to general farming, and found his health to be greatly benefited thereby for several years. In 1888, the Canton Stoneware Company was organized through the enterprise of our subject and he was made the President. He was also organizer of the Ohio Street Light Company. He took out thirteen patents and secured a large number of contracts for lighting cities and towns, at one time having forty contracts in different parts of the State of Ohio. In this business he had employed under him one hundred men. In 1888, he sold out his business to the Sun Vapor Street Light Company.

Again at liberty to employ his fertile brain, Mr. Belden organized the Canton Brick Company, for the manufacture of street paving brick. The company produced a superior quality of brick, their output being a million a month. He also owns a coal and clay bank, from which he manufactures a superior quality of fire brick. It is east of the town and on the Cleveland & Canton Railroad, of which he is one of the Directors. He is Vice-president of the Akron and Canton Stoneware Association, and is one of the pioneers in the manufacture of the Shale brick, in which he has been experimenting for twenty years.

In 1873, Mr. Belden was married to Miss Frances Blake, a daughter of P. H. Blake, of this city. They have three sons, who are bright vigorous youths. In politics, our subject is a stanch Democrat, and has often stumped his county in the interest of his party. He is a prominent Mason, being a Knight Templar, and in church relations he and his wife worship with the Presbyterians. The family residence is an imposing home, located at No. 148 South Market Street.

MICHEL GILL is a prominent farmer of section 12, Lawrence Township, and was born in Germany, December 4, 1837. He is the second son in his father's family, and was only a year and a half old on coming to Stark County with his parents. He has a brother, John Gill, of whom a biographical sketch may be found in another portion of this volume, and in which is developed more fully the family history.

Our subject's first school days were passed in the German school in Lawrence Township. He finished his education in the district school, and remained at home, assisting his father in the development of their farm, until twenty-two years of age. He worked by the month on the farm, getting $15 for his labor. In connection with this, he and his brother John purchased a threshing-machine, which they ran in Lawrence Township for twelve years, making a goodly sum as the profit of their work.

Our subject was married in 1869, to Miss Mary Wheishamer. She, too, was born in Germany, and was about twelve years old when coming with her parents to Wayne County, this State. Immediately after marriage, our subject and his wife settled upon the farm where they now reside. The present home of the family was erected in 1882, and is a two-story frame dwelling, which was built at a cost of about $1,500. They have large and capacious

barns, which are well built and are well kept up. The farm comprises one hundred and thirty-three acres, most of which are under cultivation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill are the parents of eight children, there being seven sons and one daughter. Their children are: Joseph H., Emma, John C., Charles A., George W., Frank E., Michael, and Willis J. All were born on the farm where our subject now lives. Mr. Gill devotes his attention to general farming, and raises considerable stock. He started out in life a poor man, and struggled with adversity for some time, but his perseverance and energy won the day, as they usually do, and he is now in possession of a pleasant home and a sufficient bank account to enable him to live comfortably for the balance of his life. Politically, he is a Democrat. He and his family are associated with the Catholic Church. He has served on the School Board for some time.

PETER GRIBBLE. The livery business in Msssillon is well conducted by our subject, who has the greater part of the patronage of the public in this branch. He is a native of the town, and hence is thoroughly well known to all the people, who like him for his genial manners and hearty, whole-souled greeting. Our subject's natal day was May 4, 1840. He is the son of Henry and Matilda (Kessel) Gribble, both of whom were natives of Germany. Grandfather Henry Gribble brought his family to America and settled at Massillon in an early day. Thence he went to Tuscarawas County, where he purchased a farm near Ragersville, which he improved and operated until the time of his decease, when he was eighty years of age.

Our subject's father was apprenticed to learn the shoemaker's trade in his boyhood, and, after completing his term, he removed to Navarre and engaged in a grocery and hotel business. He lived there for sixteen years, when he returned to this city, and now lives in retirement in a pleasant home on Main Street. Our subject's mother died in 1843. Of the three children that were born of his father's marriage, Peter is the eldest. He spent the period from his fifth year at Navarre, and there received a common-school education. He assisted his father until twenty years of age, when he came to Massillon and was employed as clerk in the old Tremont House. He spent two years in that employment, and then, on the return of his father to the city, with him opened a livery stable near the Tremont House, which he conducted for a short time. In 1865, he purchased the corner whereon his barn now stands, and at once began to build. In 1878, he bought out his father's interest and continued it alone. He has increased the facilities that the traveling public enjoys, and has put in coaches, etc. He had the mail contracts for conveying the mails to and from the trains, and furnished all the 'busses and coaches for parties and funerals, having the best equipment in the city. In 1885, he disposed of all the coaches, also of the contract for carrying mails, and turned his attention exclusively to the livery business. He also buys and sells horses, dealing extensively for Eastern parties.

Our subject was married May 3, 1870, in this city, to Miss Laura Buckius, who was born in Massillon. She is a daughter of Sylvanius Buckius, an old Virginian. Mr. and Mrs. Gribble are the parents of two children, whose names are Lola M. and Nellie J.

Our subject is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and in politics he is a stanch Republican.

MRS. SOPHIA M. LEEPER is a venerable and esteemed resident of Perry Township, Stark County. She is a native of the city of Marietta, and was born May 13, 1817. She is a daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Hutchison) Dickey, the former a native of Virginia, and the

latter of New England. Her given name, Sophia Meigs, was given her in honor of the wife of Gov. Meigs, of Ohio. When the child was two years old, she lost her mother, and when about eighteen years of age her father also died.

Our subject received what was in her day considered a very good education, and she was accomplished in all the arts and household advantages thought so necessary at that time in completing the education of a woman. July 10, 1837, Miss Dickey was united in marriage to Dr. James L. Leeper, a native of old Virginia, and born August 27, 1816. He was a son of William and Ellen Leeper, and was reared in his native State, remaining throughout his boyhood days with his parents. He came to Carroll County, Ohio, when about seventeen years of age.

Of a bright and shrewd intelligence, Dr. Leeper became a man of much intellectual acumen and marked culture. On completing his medical course, he practiced for a year in Massillon with Dr. Abbot, and then moved to Navarre. There for thirty years he was known not only as the skilled physician to whom all applied in time of necessity, but as the valued friend and advisor. He was very liberal in his views, and never lost sight of the fact that Nature is the fountain-head of the most complicated science.

In his later years, Dr. Dickey retired from active practice to the farm in Perry Township whereon our subject now resides, but even here he was in constant requisition in a professional capacity. He departed this life January 1, 1888, and his death was a cause for mourning on the part of the whole community. As a husband, his integrity and honor were never questioned; as a neighbor and friend, he was distinguished for kindness and philanthropy. He always lived a conscientious Christian life, and he and his estimable wife were for many years devoted workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics, he was a Republican, and had very clearly drawn opinions in regard to temperance, being well known as a local temperance lecturer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeper were the parents of one daughter, the joy of whose presence was taken away, however, in infancy. They reared an adopted son, George C., who is now a prominent citizen of Perry Township. He married Miss Mary Mooke, and they are the parents of four children: James L., George M., Rex and Nellie.

Our subject has more than passed her threescore years and ten, and the host of friends to whom she endeared herself through long years of thoughtful and unselfish labor in their midst, unite in their earnest wish that she may still be spared in the mellow years of a pleasant old age as an example of what a gracious life matures into. She owns a pleasant home, in which there are one hundred and ninety acres of land.

JACOB GISE is a prominent farmer and politician, living on section 33, Jackson Township. He was born at Hamburg, Germany, November 11, 1832, and is a son of John and Charlotte (Baker) Gise, both of whom were also natives of Hamburg, Germany. John Gise was a tailor by trade, and on coming to Massillon in 1851, continued to carry on the tailoring business until the time of his death, which occurred when he was sixty-six years of age. The mother died in Massillon at the age of eighty-three.

Our subject was one of a family of eight children, there being seven sons and one daughter. The eldest of these died in infancy, the others lived to years of manhood and womanhood; they are as follows: Peter; Fredrick, a resident of Massillon; our subject, Jacob; Philip and Lewis, both of Massillon; Elizabeth and John, deceased.

Jacob Gise was seventeen years of age when he came to Stark County with his brother Peter, in 1850. He received some schooling in the Old Country, and as soon as he located in Stark County began to learn the carpenter's trade. He served an apprenticeship of three years, after which he worked with the firm for four years. About 1858, he commenced contracting, and followed that business until 1863. During that time he erected many buildings in Massillon and other places.

Our subject purchased the farm where he now resides in 1863, and has ever since continued his residence here. His first marriage occurred December 31, 1854, when he was united to Philiphine Wahter, like himself a native of Germany, but reared in Stark County. From that union there were five children, three daughters and two sons. They are as follows: Philiphine, who is deceased; Jacob, a resident of Massillon; Flora, the wife of Jacob Gise, of Massillon; Rose, the wife of William Filberth, of Massillon, and John, deceased. The mother of these children died in 1866.

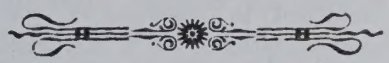
In his second marriage, Mr. Gise was united to Elizabeth Stockert. Their nuptials were solemnized January 30, 1868. She was a native of Bucks County, Pa., and was reared in Lehigh County, of the same State, coming to Stark County, Ohio, with her parents when twenty-three years of age. The original of this sketch is politically an ardent Democrat. He has held a number of local offices, having been Trustee and Road Supervisor, and also School Director. He has been appointed a delegate to all the conventions, and is highly esteemed as a political worker, because of his intelligence in the tenets of his party. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, belonging to Tuscarawas Lodge No. 70, of Massillon. In church affairs, he and his family are connected with St. John's Evangelical Church.

JMELVILLE SCHUCKERS, Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Massillon, is well known throughout the county as one of its public-spirited and enterprising citizens. He is a native Ohioan, his birth occurring in Wooster, and is a son of Jacob W. Schuckers, who came to that city from Lancaster County, Pa. The elder Schuckers was still a single man when he made his way to the Buckeye State, and was one of the pioneer merchants of Wooster. He was a Whig in his political principles and in his religious views, his sympathies were with the Episcopal Church. He died at Wooster February 14, 1849. The lady who became his wife, July 27, 1842, bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, and was born near Penrith, England. Her father, Thomas Kirkpatrick, of Scotch descent, was interested in the lead and coal mines there and was a practical miner. In 1832, he came to America with his family, consisting of his wife and four children, six others being born in Ohio. He took passage on the old packet-ship called the "Pacific," Capt. Waite, and arrived in Massillon by the way of the Ohio Canal. He purchased a farm three miles north of the then village, in Jackson Township, and engaged in farming. Later, he discovered valuable coal deposits upon the land, and opened the first coal mine in the county in 1833, shipping his coal to Cleveland and realizing a handsome competency therefrom. He died in 1846. He also was a Whig in politics and an Episcopalian in religion. His wife, formerly Miss Frances Lee, was born in Penrith, England, and died at Massillon in 1866.

The original of this notice is the second in order of birth of three children, two of whom are living. Upon the death of his father, he came to Massillon with his mother when three years of age, and received a good practical education in the High Schools of that city. After leaving school, he served as Deputy Postmaster a short time in 1864, and then as clerk and book-keeper at the mines of the Massillon Coal Company until 1869. Then, he went to Cleveland, where he remained one year and closed his business with them to accept the position of book-keeper and paymaster for the Fulton Mining Company, of Massillon. He also filled the same position for the Rhodes Coal Company and the Willow Bank Coal Company, and then took charge of the mines as Superintendent and Manager of the Rhodes and Willow Bank Company until the mines were exhausted. About that time, Mr. Schuckers helped to organize the Millport Coal Company, of which he is Secretary and Treasurer. The mine is located five miles north of the city, with tracks from the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling and the Massillon branch of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railway. This mine contains both cannel and regular Massillon coal and

has two layers, the cannel coal on top, large quantities of which are shipped by rail to Michigan, Minnesota and the Dakotas. The vein is one hundred and twenty-one feet from the surface.

Mr. Schuckers is proprietor of the drug store at No. 37 East Main Street, having purchased the same in 1879 from George F. Rudolph. In 1890, he became Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank. He is a single man and lives with his mother in a pleasant home on East Main Street. He is liberal and open-heated and has a host of warm friends. In politics, he is a Republican.



A BRUCE CORRELL, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue at Canton, Ohio, is a native of Ohio, born in Muskingum County, near Zanesville, on the 1st of March, 1857, and is the eldest son born to Daniel A. and Amanda J. (Boies) Correll, the parents both natives of the Buckeye State, the former born in Tuscarawas County, and the latter in Muskingum County. The mother was a daughter of James Boies. Daniel A. Correll was a traveling salesman from Pittsburgh for many years, and is now engaged in the meat business in Canton. He is a prosperous business man, and one who takes a decided interest in all movements of importance in the county.

The original of this notice passed his boyhood in Odon, Ind., whither his parents had moved when he was quite young, and there he received a thorough training in the common branches. Later, he went to Loogootee, Ind., and there he entered the office of the Martin County *Herald*, where he stocked his mind with much and varied information. A bright young man attends a pretty good school when he works in a country newspaper office at the case. In this office he learned the printer's trade, and in 1872 he returned to Ohio, and at East Palestine took a two-years course in the High School. Following this, he embarked in the newspaper business with E. J. Roberts, and published the *Valley Echo* for three years. On the 1st of April, 1882, he came to Canton, and became foreman for R. A. Cassidy in his job-printing office. Here he continued until 1889, when he was appointed Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for the Eighteenth District of Ohio, composed of Summit, Portage and Stark Counties, and this position he holds at the present time, discharging its duties in a manner reflecting credit upon himself and the above-mentioned counties.

On the 15th of May, 1881, Mr. Correll was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Stobbs, of East Palestine, Ohio, but who was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. Three living children have blessed this union. Mr. Correll has served two terms as a member of the Board of Education, and held other local positions. In politics, our subject is a stanch supporter of the platform of the Republican party, and takes a very active part in county and local politics. He was the first Counselor of Patrick Henry Council, Junior Order of the United American Mechanics. Mr. Correll resides at No. 4 Newport Street, Canton, and the reputation he enjoys is not only that of a substantial and progressive citizen, but of an intelligent and thoroughly-posted man in all public affairs.

HON. ANTHONY HOWELLS, ex-Treasurer and ex-Senator of the State of Ohio. The qualities that have made Mr. Howells' life successful in various and varied fields came to him by the right of natural descent—fibres of his strong and lusty Welsh ancestry. He is distinguished in business and political circles, and throughout the State of Ohio his name is synonymous with all that is honorable and upright. He combines perseverance, economy, enterprise and business sagacity with scholarly culture, and has from an humble sphere in life attained to a high position of wealth, honor and influence.

Our subject was born April 6, 1832, in Dowlais, Glamorganshire, South Wales, to Howell and Rachel (Evans) Howells, but little is known of his family history on either side, except that both branches of the family were well-to-do and respected farmers, and had for many generations been residents of Llandebia, Carmarthenshire, South Wales. The parents moved from the latter place to Dowlais prior to his birth. His father, Howell Howells, became a miner in early life, and afterward a superintendent of mines, in which capacity he became noted as a man of great decision of character and strict integrity.

While the opportunities of culture and education offered the youths of this generation were not open to Anthony Howells, there was nothing in his life or surroundings that was not conducive to a vigorous and manly growth, and the early opportunities which he received in the Dowlais Free School were earnestly improved. After leaving this institution at the age of twelve years, one year was spent in working in the coal mines, after which he was sent to a private school for a year at Cross Inn, Llandebia, Carmarthenshire—his father's early home. Not being satisfied with the limited knowledge thus obtained, and prompted by a natural fondness for study and reading, throughout life in various ways Mr. Howells has continued his studies, and many of his spare moments have been given to his books. He has found pleasant recreation in devoting his leisure time to the improvement of his mind and to acquiring practical proficiency in mathematics and book-keeping, and a general knowledge of the various sciences.

At the early age of fourteen years, our subject was compelled to begin life's battle for himself, and his first choice of an occupation was that of a machinist. As his father was a mine superintendent, he very naturally drifted into the mines, and for nearly four years thereafter pursued his labors in the subterranean depths of Wales. He had already recognized the fact that the best opportunity for men of his stamp lay in the New World, and in May, 1850, he crossed the stormy ocean to America, and soon afterward came to Youngstown, Ohio, where he resumed his former occupation of coal mining in the mines of David Tod, afterward Governor of Ohio. In the spring of 1853, he left for the mines of California, but in the spring of the following year returned to Youngstown and resumed work in the coal mines until the fall of 1855.

By this time, our subject had become tired of being "a hewer of wood and drawer of water," and, as he had by economy saved some money, he decided to begin business on his own responsibility in Youngstown, and accordingly opened a grocery and provision house. This enterprise proved fairly prosperous, but having engaged in the business of coal mining in Duquoin, Ill., in 1865, he made that place his home for one year. After disposing of his interest in these mines, he once more returned to Youngstown, where he again commenced business as a merchant, and this received his attention until his retirement in April, 1869. In the latter part of the same year, he was offered an interest, together with the management of two coal mines, in Massillon District, which offer was accepted, and he removed to this place in 1870, where his home has since been.

Mr. Howells was engaged in the iron business in addition to his coal mines for a short time, but this business proved disastrous to him during the panic of 1873. Notwithstanding this, his operations have been uniformly successful, and he has opened up nine coal mines, three of which are now in successful operation, owned by the well-known corporation, the Howells Coal Company, which employs from five to six hundred men, Mr. Howells being its President and Manager. He has perfect mastery of detail, and, being an experienced miner and coal operator, he is, with reason, considered one of the highest authorities on the coal-mining industry in the State. Although liberal in his political views, he is a believer in the Democracy of Jefferson, and in the largest liberty to the individual compatible with social and civil order. In 1866, he became a candidate for County Treasurer of Mahoning County, and two years later was a candidate for State Senator in the Trumbull and Mahoning Districts, but this district being largely Republican, he was defeated both times, although in each case he ran ahead of

his ticket. In 1875, he became a candidate for State Treasurer, but failed to secure the nomination; two years later, he received the nomination and was elected, leading all the candidates except the Hon. R. M. Bishop, who was elected Governor. He enjoys the respect and confidence of his party, and his record as State Treasurer is honorable in every respect. In 1879, he was unanimously nominated by his party for the same position, with Gen. Thomas Ewing heading the ticket for Governor, but at the polls the entire ticket was defeated.

Our subject was appointed Postmaster of Massillon in May, 1886, but, owing to the fact that his private affairs required the most of his time and attention, he resigned in April, 1888. The same year, he was nominated Presidential Elector in the State Democratic Convention, but the ticket was defeated. At the Stark-Carroll Senatorial Convention held at Carrollton in September, 1889, Mr. Howells was nominated by acclamation, and the following November was elected Senator by a large majority, although the district is largely Republican. When the Senate was organized in January, 1890, although on a sick bed at home, he was appointed on some of the most important and responsible committees: Chairman of the Committees on Benevolent Institutions, Mines and Mining, Public Expenditures, and second on the Committee on Finance.

At the Senatorial Convention held in Canton, Ohio, in September, 1891, Mr. Howells was once more nominated by acclamation, but though he had a majority in Stark County, he was defeated in the district with the balance of the ticket. He holds a number of prominent and honorary positions in the community and is now serving his second term as President of the Ohio Institute of Mining Engineers, and second term as President of the Massillon Board of Trade.

In personal appearance, Mr. Howells is below medium height, is firmly built and has a very upright carriage. His character in public and private life is above reproach, and being a clear thinker and brilliant reasoner, still greater things may be expected of him in the enlarged opportunities and mature wisdom of the future. He has identified himself with the Baptist Church, although not a member of that denomination, but has always been liberal in his views and contributions to other churches. In 1887, he became an Odd Fellow, in 1878 a Knight of Pythias, and also a member of the Welsh Ivorite Lodge, of Youngstown, Ohio. A warm patron of national institutions, he is interested in all matters which tend to the advancement of his own country. In 1854, his marriage with Miss Elizabeth James was celebrated, and by her he is the father of three sons and one daughter, who, with their parents, form a happy social circle and dispense a refined and liberal hospitality at their pleasant home.

JAMES SUTER, a member of the firm of Warthorst & Co., manufacturers of grindstones, block and building stone, dried sand for glass and steel manufactories, pressed and paving brick, etc., and proprietor of the Massillon Stone Quarry, is a native of Switzerland, born on Beautiful Lake, on the 27th of April, 1825. His father, Jacob J. Suter, was also a native of that country, and followed the business of a liveryman, furnishing horses for stage coaches, etc., and was very successful in this. He died there when seventy-eight years of age. This family was a very old and prominent one and was formerly from Italy. The father was a member of the Reformed Church. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Esther Lusher, was born in Urdorf, Switzerland, and died when sixty-eight years of age. Her father was a farmer. Eight children were born to this worthy couple, three of whom reached mature years and are now living, viz.: Louisa, Mrs. Schilplin, resides in Switzerland; James (our subject) and Annie L., Mrs. Pietzcker, who reside in Canton, Ohio.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch was reared in his native country, received good educational advantages, studied German, and when fourteen years of age studied French in a boarding-

school for fifteen months. After this he learned book-keeping in a cotton factory at Walzenhausen on the Rhine, and remained there for five years. From there he went to another factory in Switzerland and was book-keeper in the same for two years. In 1848, he decided that a better opening was afforded him in the United States and he left Havre de Grace, France, on the vessel "Hector" the same year. After forty-three days' ocean voyage, he reached New York City, but went from there to Albany, thence to Buffalo, and from there to Cleveland. He then came by canal to Massillon, although he had intended settling in Illinois.

After locating in this city, he first engaged as a clerk for Hiram H. Wellman in a dry-goods store, remaining there for fifteen months, and then entered the quarry at this place. He began at the bottom, with pick and shovel, but his true worth soon became apparent and he was made foreman. In 1864, he leased the quarry and operated it alone for eighteen months. In 1867, he started the Warthorst, Suter & Everhard Co. This continued under that title until 1882, when it became Warthorst & Co., and holds that title now. When our subject started in business, there was no railroad connection and they merely manufactured building stone. Now it is different. The old quarry of twenty-six acres has been increased to sixty-nine acres and a railroad has been built to the main track of the Ft. Wayne Railroad, as well as other railroads. This firm manufacture brick, turning out twenty-two thousand per day, and the sand mill has a capacity of one hundred and fifty tons a day. A sixty-five horse power engine operates this establishment and all the blasting is done by electricity. From one hundred and fifty to two hundred men are employed and their stone is shipped to all parts of the United States. This is the largest quarry in Stark County. Mr. Suter superintends the quarry and is the oldest member of the firm.

Our subject was first married in Canton, in 1861, to Miss Augusta Pietzcker, a native of Berlin, Prussia. She died, leaving one child, Anna, who is at home. Mr. Suter's second union occurred in New York City, in 1878, when he married Miss Minnie Pietzcker, a native also of Berlin, Germany, and a sister of his first wife. She died in 1880. Our subject's third union was with Mrs. Minnie Breckel, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who had five children by her first marriage. Mr. Suter was in the City Council from the Third Ward for two years, and was President of the same for one year. He is a member of St. John's Evangelical Church and a Trustee of the same. He built the church stone work. In politics, he has always been a stanch Republican.

ESCHLIMAN, a retired farmer, residing with his son-in-law, J. R. Lawrence, on section 17, Lawrence Township, is one of the substantial, enterprising citizens of Stark County, and his career has been both honorable and upright. In any worthy history of Stark County an outline of his life should not fail to be given. He inherits Swiss blood from the paternal side of the house, for his grandfather, Abraham Eschliman, was a native of that country and emigrated to America when a young man. He located in Lancaster County, Pa., and was there married to a Miss Greabile. They reared six daughters and six sons.

The father of our subject, Abraham Eschliman, jr., was born in Lancaster, Pa., on the 14th of February, 1800, and was the third in order of birth of the above-mentioned children. He attained his majority in his native county and was there married to Miss Elizabeth Horst, who was also born in Lancaster County. After marriage they located in the same county and there made their home until 1837, when they came direct to Stark County, Ohio, attracted by the fertile soil, and settled on section 32, Lawrence Township. Their family consisted of six sons and four daughters, all born in Lancaster County, Pa., and eight of whom married and reared families.

In Lancaster County, Pa., our subject was born, February 17, 1823, the eldest son in the family. When fourteen years of age he came to the Buck-

eye State. His first educational advantages were received in his native State and after reaching Stark County he was instructed in the primitive log schoolhouse of pioneer days, where "the three R's" were the only branches taught. In 1843, when twenty years of age, he was married to Miss Mary Gardner, a native of Cumberland County, Pa., born near Carlisle, May 9, 1821. She was an earnest Christian woman and died on the 29th of July, 1890. Four children blessed this union, two daughters and two sons, only one, Elizabeth, now living. This daughter married J. R. Lawrence, of Lawrence Township, this county.

After his marriage Mr. Eschliman located on section 21, and still owns the farm there. At that time very few improvements had been made and he at once commenced developing the property, soon becoming the owner of a fine tract of one hundred and seventy acres. A fine frame dwelling and substantial outbuildings were erected as time passed, and other improvements were made until the farm compared favorably with any in the county. All this was accomplished by the industry and perseverance of Mr. Eschliman and his most estimable wife. Our subject also owns thirty-one acres on section 28. He has been unusually successful and is well liked by all who have made his acquaintance. In politics, he is in sympathy with the Republican party. For twenty years he has been interested in settling estates and has been appointed guardian many times. He is a member of the Reformed Church of Canal Fulton, was Deacon many years, and is now an Elder and Trustee. He is a liberal contributor to the church and one of its prominent members.

JACOB HENRICH. It is always interesting to note the career of those who have emigrated from foreign lands for the purpose of establishing homes in the United States, and to trace the steps by which they have exchanged poverty for an honorable independence. In the life of Mr. Henrich, there is much to interest and instruct. From his youth he has always been an active, frank and honest man in his speech, and as such has commanded the highest respect of all who know him. He has every convenience for tilling the soil upon section 20, Perry Township, where he makes his home, and is prospering exceedingly well, as he deserves.

Our subject, who is the son of Jacob and Margaret Henrich, was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 8, 1829. In 1846, he emigrated to the New World, taking passage at Havre on a sailing-vessel, and thirty-three days later landed in New York City. Thence he came directly to this county, and at Canton learned the trade of a boot and shoe-maker with his brother, Joseph Henrich. Remaining with the latter for about eighteen months, our subject then came to Massillon and worked at his trade for one year, receiving for his services $5 per month and board.

Mr. Henrich, having determined to make his future home in America, after a residence here of three years, returned to the Fatherland and induced the remainder of the family to try their fortunes in the United States. He continued to work at his trade of boot and shoe-maker, both with partners and alone, for many years, and was more than ordinarily successful in his undertaking. He was given a good education in his native tongue, and after coming to this country gained a fair knowledge of the English language.

He of whom we write and Miss Catherine E. Kessel, also a native of Germany, were united in marriage in 1851, and to them has been granted a family of ten children, four of whom are living, namely: Mary, Mrs. Anthony Kegler; George W., who married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Sibila; Anna, the wife of Charles V. Hammersmith; and Flora. In the spring of 1884, Mr. Henrich removed to his pleasant estate, which comprises two hundred and four acres of land belonging to him and his son-in-law, Anthony Kegler, and which is supplied with all the modern accessories, including frame buildings and improved machinery; its fields are well tilled, and the stock which he raises is of the highest grade. In addition to carrying on the operations of his farm, our

subject has a half-interest in a dairy, and has a milk route in Massillon.

He is a Democrat in politics, and in religious matters is a member of the Catholic Church. By nature, he is genial, and his success in life is all due to his own efforts and his prosperity is richly merited. With a natural talent for music, he has been a member of a band since he was twenty-five, and has sung in St. Mary's Church since he was twenty years of age, in addition to which he has been a music-teacher.

Since the above was written, Mr. Henrich has sold his farm, and an insane asylum will be erected thereon in the near future.

JOHN H. WERNER. In a short biographical sketch in the Cleveland *World*, the following mention is made of our subject: "No man has contributed more largely than John H. Werner to the mercantile and industrial prosperity of Canton. A business man of forty, well-to-do, blessed with a fine constitution and executive ability, in addition to building up a prosperous business, he has devoted a large portion of his twenty years' residence in Canton to materially assisting in the advancement of the city's interests."

Our subject was born in Stark County, May 11, 1851. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Freed) Werner. The former, who was born in 1800, was a native of Pennsylvania and removed to Stark County in 1812, where he is still living. He has been a contractor and builder and an important factor in the early history of the county, having built many of the large frame houses and barns throughout the country. He now makes his home at Louisville, with one of his daughters, Mrs. David Weirick.

Canton has room for more men like Mr. J. H. Werner. He has ever been alive to the city's interests, and is an energetic, able, enterprising and alert citizen. His efforts to secure industries which will benefit the entire community are commended on all sides. He is to-day one of the foremost business men of Canton, and the success of his latest venture is assured in advance. Too much cannot be said by way of commendation of Mr. Werner's actions in securing substantial concerns for our city.

Mrs. Elizabeth Werner died when our subject was eleven years old. The child was the fourth in order of birth of a family numbering six children. He passed his boyhood on the farm and there attended school, remaining there until sixteen years of age, when he came to Canton and learned the painter's and decorator's trade. He has for many years carried on a store, having a complete stock of carpets, window shades, draperies, oil cloths, linoleum, paints, glass, wall-paper, and house decorating goods. He was also the first to introduce ceiling papering and decorating in Canton, and is now doing the largest business in his line. He also employs a large force of painters and does contracting on a large scale. He laid out what is known as the Crystal Park Addition, a tract comprising six hundred and nine lots in the northeastern part of the city of Canton, all of which are beautiful and desirable residence sites. It adjoins the Cook Public Park and is connected with the Electric Street Railway Line.

Mr. Werner was married, in 1870, to Miss Maria Trump, who was born and brought up in Stark County, a daughter of John J. Trump, who was one of the early settlers in this locality. They have one son, who is named Edward W. In 1882, the original of this sketch was elected a member of the City Council, representing the Third Ward, and has been a leading member of the Board of Trade for many years. He has been unusually active in securing new industries in the past few years, and his efficiency in this line is demonstrated in the securing single-handed of the Cutter Manufacturing Works of Allegheny, Pa., which is now known as the Canton Malleable Iron Company, over the efforts of the Boards of Trade of two hundred and sixty-three towns. Another industry that has proved both profitable and prosperous was secured by the untiring efforts of our subject and located at Crystal Park. It is known as the

National Wringer Manufacturing Company, of which Mr. Werner is now President. The company is now occupying the handsome new factory which they have recently erected in Crystal Park, and is one of the most prosperous industries now operating in the city. Mr. Werner has also secured the Mueser & Co. piano factory, of New York, through his untiring efforts. They have also located in Crystal Park.

The original of this sketch built one of the finest business blocks in the city. It is a four-story brick edifice, with all the improvements that science has suggested to the builders of to-day. It was Mr. Werner who donated a free site and other necessary means for securing the Malleable Iron Company, and in numerous other ways has this gentleman greatly added to the growth and importance of this municipality. He has also secured for Canton the Cleveland Axle Manufacturing Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, and another concern, the Automatic Fountain Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, which is now operating in Crystal Park, and these add wonderfully to the growth of the city.

WILLIAM G. MYERS is a prominent lawyer and resident of Canal Fulton. He was born in Pickaway Township, Wayne County, Ohio, June 17, 1820, and is a son of Peter and Sarah (Miller) Myers, the former a native of Rensselaer County, N. Y., the latter of Pennsylvania. Both parents came to Ohio with their respective families when young.

Our subject's father settled as a young man in Canton; he afterward went to Wayne County and developed a farm, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. His father, William Myers, who was born in New York, was of Dutch descent. Our subject's maternal grandsire was George Miller, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to the Buckeye State in 1812, and located on a farm between Canton and Massillon, remaining there until his death. He was of German descent. Our subject's parents were married in Stark County. Three sons were given to their care and training; of these, two died in infancy, and our subject is second in order of birth. Mr. Myers' first school days were passed in his native place. His father's death occurring when the boy was three years old, he made his home with his grandparents until sixteen years of age. He worked by the month on the farm, and when sixteen was bound out to learn the carpenter's trade, working under Nathan Taylor. He was with him for five years, and was then employed at the trade which he had mastered, building barns, houses, etc., throughout the county. He also taught school during certain parts of the year. November 20, 1843, our subject was married to Sarah J. Hardgrove, a native of Laurel Township, this county, and born October 8, 1822. She received her education in the common schools in the vicinity of her home.

Immediately after marriage, Mr. Myers settled upon his father's farm, which had been secured from the Government in 1816. He remained on that farm for thirty years, and in that time taught nine terms of school. Ambitious to learn law, he commenced to read in 1855, and while carrying on his farm he practiced at the same time. In 1870, our subject joined with his sons in purchasing a hardware store in Canal Fulton, in which the sons are now engaged. Mr. Myers moved to the town in 1871, and gave his attention to the business for ten years. At the same time he was practicing law, and was very successful in the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers are the parents of four sons and two daughters, whose names in the order of their birth are given as follows: Mary M. (deceased), John W., Rosa J., William N., George W., and Richard F. Mr. Myers has been an auctioneer for forty years, his work in this line extending over a radius of territory of twenty miles. He is a strong Republican, with an admiration for every feature of that party. During the war, he was actively interested in the Underground Railway, and made some effective speeches in the interest of the Republican party.

He enlisted in the Civil War in 1862, joining Company G, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment of the Ohio Infantry, and he was at once commissioned Captain. He served for five months and then resigned because of disability. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry at Canal Fulton, in which he holds office. Mr. Myers owns one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Wayne County, and the old homestead where he was born. His wife is as much interested in woman's suffrage as her husband in universal suffrage.

PROF. EDMUND A. JONES, Superintendent of the Massillon Public Schools. One of the most striking features in the history of the development of Western communities is the attention they have given to educational matters, and wherever a considerable settlement has been formed, the village school has been the first object taken under consideration by the community. This was the case in the history of Massillon, which has long been justly noted for the superiority of her educators and educational institutions. In Prof. Jones are strikingly exemplified those characteristics and principles which conduce to the occupation of positions demanding the display of great mental abilities. He is a member of the Ohio State Board of School Examiners, and was President of that body in 1890. He was first appointed by Dr. Eli T. Taplin to fill the unexpired term of Hon. E. E. White, and was re-appointed to the position by Dr. John Hancock for a term of five years. He is Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Charity Rotch School, and President of the Stark County Soldiers' Relief Commission.

The Professor was born in Rockville, Mass., February 11, 1842. His father, Elisha Adams Jones, and his grandfather, Elisha Adams Jones, were also born in that vicinity. The latter was a farmer and school teacher, and was Captain in the Massachusetts militia. The great-grandfather, Simpson Jones, was a farmer by occupation, and was a native of Medway, Mass. In addition to tilling the soil, Elisha Jones, the father of the subject of this sketch, was engaged in teaching the "young idea" in the vicinity of Rockville. He was born in 1815, and politically, was a Freesoiler and Republican. His wife, Rhoda (Ellis) Jones, was born in Medway, of an old and prominent family of that place. She was educated in the old Bradford Academy, and was a lady of more than ordinary intelligence and culture. She was called from life in 1873. Her father, Moses Ellis, was a native of the Bay State, where his attention was given to tilling the soil. Edmund Jones was fitted for college in Mt. Hollis Academy, and at the age of eighteen years he entered Amherst College, Mass., which noted institution he attended two years. In the fall of 1862, he dropped his books and became a votary of Mars, and without giving a thought to the dark outlook in the future, he enlisted in Company B, Forty-second Massachusetts Regiment, and was sent to New Orleans to join Banks' expedition, the first battle in which he participated being Bayou La Fourche, in June, 1863. He was wounded in the left shoulder, and although he was compelled to be on duty for three days thereafter, he was at last obliged by the surgeon's orders to go to New Orleans and have his wound dressed. He held the rank of Fifth Sergeant and by his Lieutenant-Colonel was recommended for promotion on account of meritorious service. In July, 1863, he was mustered out of the service at Boston, and returned to college, from which he was graduated in 1865 with the degree of A. B., the degree of A. M. being conferred upon him in 1868. He was President of the Sophomore Class of '64, and held the same position with the Senior Class of '65. Immediately after finishing his education, he went to Lake Forest, Ill., as Professor of Latin and Gymnastics. At the close of the first year, he was made Associate Principal, and so continued until the fourth year, when he became Principal of the academy. In October, 1869, he came to Massillon as Superintendent of the city schools, but resigned at the end of four years, and was elected to the same position in the Marietta Schools, not having seen a member of the Board of Education.

His salary at this place was $2,000 per year, and after acceptably filling it for two years, he returned to Massillon in 1875, and has been here ever since. For ten or twelve years, he was a member of the Board of County School Examiners, and for a number of years was its President. In 1889, he was elected Principal of the West High School of Cleveland, at an advanced salary, but the School Board of Massillon at once raised his salary to an equivalent sum and he remained here. He exhibits the characteristics which have rendered him distinguished throughout his career, and which have made his life a succession of successes. He was one of the organizers of the Board of Trade, and has served in the capacity of Secretary, it is needless to say with credit. In December, 1873, he was married to Flora Richards, a native of Massillon, and a daughter of Warren Richards. She was educated in the schools of her native town, and for some time followed the occupation of teaching. They have one child, Walter E., who was born March 14, 1883. Superintendent Jones is a member of the Grand Army, and was a delegate to the National Encampment at Boston in July, 1890. He is President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, and has been Superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years. Politically, he is a strong Republican. He helped to organize the Ohio Teachers' Reading Circle in 1883, and has been Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the same for the past eight years. In this capacity he has become well and prominently known throughout the State. He is a member of the Ohio Teachers' Association, and in July, 1892, was elected President of that body. As institute instructor and lecturer, he has visited many counties in Ohio, and every year he receives many more invitations than he can accept.

F. J. KELLER. Massillon has its full quota of vigorous, enterprising, thorough-going business men, whose popularity is based upon both their social qualities and their well-known integrity and business activity. None among them is better liked by those who have dealings with him than the young and prosperous business man, F. J. Keller. He was born in Lawrence Township, one mile north of Massillon, on the 23d of September, 1861, and is of German descent, his father, Rheinhart Keller, being a native of that country. The elder Mr. Keller came to America at an early period, and followed the trade of a coal miner. Some years after residing in the Buckeye State, he became Superintendent, and was afterward a member of the firm of Warwick & Keller coal miners of this county. He owns an interest in the Upper Pegron Run Coal Mine, Warwick & Co., proprietors, and is an active business man. He married Miss Mary Oster, also of Germany, and ten children were born to them, eight of whom grew to mature years, and are now living.

The third in order of birth of these children, F. J. Keller, attended the parochial school, and finished the course when thirteen years of age. After this, he worked at the coal mines as a driver, but soon entered the office as Shipping Clerk for the Rhodes Coal Company, of Cleveland. Five years later, he came to Massillon, Ohio, and in September, 1881, embarked in the grocery business under the firm name of Sonnholler & Keller. This he continued at No. 2 East Main Street until the 1st of September, 1889, when the firm sold out, and our subject branched out in the coal, powder and oil business. In January, 1891, he became agent for the Wells-Fargo Express Company, and carried this on in connection with his other enterprises. He is at present engaged in the retail coal business, and carries all kinds of powder and dynamite, and lubricating oil.

In August, 1891, Mr. Keller sold his stock to C. L. Holter, and since then he has been employed with his father in the Upper Pegron Run as shipping clerk of the mines. Mr. Keller has a tasty and attractive home at No. 107 Prospect Street, and this is presided over with much ease by his worthy and estimable wife, who was formerly Miss Mary C. Whitman, whom he married in Doylestown, Ohio, where her birth occurred. Her father, Peter Whitman, was a prominent farmer there. Four children have been given

to our subject and his wife, viz: Effa, William, Rheinhart and Viola.

From 1884 to 1886, Mr. Keller was Collector of Tolls on the Ohio Canal at the port of Massillon. He is a member of the Board of Trade and is classed among the thorough-going, progressive business men of this section. Not only is he thus regarded, but he is universally conceded to be one of the most esteemed citizens. Although young in years, he is old in business experience, and his judgment and ideas are sound and good. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and in politics is an ardent Democrat, having been a delegate to county conventions.

JOHN YUTZEY. Among those who are cultivating a portion of the soil of Stark County with success and securing thereby many comforts and enjoyments, is the gentleman above named. He is a native of this county, born March 28, 1822. George Yutzey, his father, was a native of Germany, and made the ocean voyage to America with his parents when a lad of nine years, the journey hither occupying seventy-five days. He located with his parents in Somerset County, Pa., where they remained for a time, and later, emigrating to this county, were classed among the early settlers of Canton Township. Here the grandfather entered Government land, where he made his home until his decease.

The father of our subject in 1820 located in this township, and, building a log cabin in the woods, here made his home and employed his time in clearing and developing a good farm. All the marketing of the pioneers was done at Cleveland, and on the return trip they would bring back salt and leather. He was a hard-working man, and at his death, which occurred when in his fifty-fifth year, the elder Mr. Yutzey left two finely cultivated and well-ordered farms, of one hundred and sixty acres each, which were supplied with everything to operate them in the best possible manner.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Catherine Gerber, a native of Somerset County, Pa., She reared a family of seven children, namely: Annie, John, Lizzie, David, Martha, Eve, and Christian, the latter two of whom were born of her union with Mr. Gerber, her first husband. She was a member of the Mennonite Church and died when seventy-eight years of age. The father of our subject acted as a local preacher of that denomination while residing here, and was instrumental in the organization of the church in this locality. He was in sympathy with the Whig party. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Christian Gerber, was a native of Pennsylvania and had the honor of being one of the first to settle in Canton Township, this county, where he entered land from the Government. The country was entirely undeveloped in that day, and animals were very numerous and often troublesome. On one occasion the grandfather was attacked by a bear, and carried the scars through life.

Mr. Yutzey, of this sketch, received a fair education in the old log schoolhouse with slab benches and puncheon floor, and which was conducted on the rate-bill system. He received a fine training on the old homestead in all that makes a skillful, practical farmer, so that when he started out in life on his own account he was well equipped for work. He aided his father in the development of the farm as soon as old enough to be of service, and when twenty-two years of age began life on his own account.

The lady to whom our subject was married in 1844 was Miss Hannah Flickinger, a native of Tuscarawas County, this State. Of their family of five children, three are living: Daniel, Jacob and Amos. The wife and mother departed this life in 1887, greatly mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. After his marriage Mr. Yutzey located on a portion of the old home farm, and at the same time worked at the carpenter's trade, being thus engaged for a period of twenty-two years. On the death of his father, his share of the home farm amounted to fifty-nine acres, to which he has since added by purchase until he has a magnificent estate of two hundred and ten acres, which is divided into three farms, upon which, from

year to year, he has placed the various modern improvements which indicate the prosperity of the owner. He devotes his time and attention to mixed farming, and besides raising the cereals makes a specialty of breeding a fine grade of sheep, raising animals of both fine and coarse wool.

Mr. Yutzey, while prosecuting his trade of carpenter, has erected many of the best residences in this vicinity, and has a wide acquaintance throughout the county who recognize his superior workmanship in this line, and when any special work is on hand he is called upon. The marriage of our subject to Miss Hannah Lantz was solemnized in 1889; she was born in Holmes County, in 1835. They are both members of the German Baptist Church, in which denomination Mr. Yutzey has been a Deacon for the past twenty-five years. In politics, he always casts a straight Republican vote, and is greaty interested in the progress of his party in this vicinity. He is one of the few old settlers now living who witnessed almost the entire growth of Stark County, and it may well be his pride that he has done what he could to advance its agricultural interests.

JAMES L. LEEPER, M. D., formerly a physician of marked talent and ability, whose life was brought to a close January 1, 1888, resided in Perry Township and was brought into close and kindly relations with his patients throughout Stark County. His warm heart and generous sympathies added to the good feeling inspired by his professional culture and practical skill and he had a large following and many sincere friends.

Dr. Leeper was born August 27, 1816, in Virginia, and was the son of William and Ellen Leeper. He spent his boyhood years in his native State, and was seventeen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Carroll County, this State. He gained his early education in the district schools, and, later in life, having determined to follow the profession of a physician, he read medicine, and for one year practiced with Dr. Abbott at Massillon. Thence he removed to Navarre, where he was engaged successfully for thirty years, and was one of the most prominent physicians in the county. During his later years, Dr. Leeper came to the farm in this township, it being his intention to retire from active practice, but, nevertheless, was frequently called upon to prescribe for people who were ill.

Our subject departed this life January 1, 1888. He was a man who was widely and favorably known in this county, and possessed many friends among the people. The work to which he gave his attention during the last years of his active life was familiar to him, his youth having been spent upon a farm. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and led a conscientious Christian life. In his political relations, he was a stanch Republican, and was also well known as a local temperance lecturer, being a strong advocate of that worthy cause. The marriage of Dr. Leeper with Miss Sophia Meigs was solemnized July 10, 1837. She was born in Marietta, this State, May 13, 1817, and was the daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Hutchinson) Dickey, natives respectively of Virginia and New England. Mrs. Leeper was given her christian name in honor of the wife of Gov. Meigs. She was orphaned by the death of her mother when two years of age, and when attaining her eighteenth year her father died. She was given an excellent education, and upon her marriage with our subject was well fitted to preside over the home of that worthy gentleman.

To Dr. and Mrs. Leeper was born a daughter, who died in infancy. They have an adopted son, George C., whom they reared from infancy. He is now a prominent citizen of Perry Township, and married Mary Mooke, by whom he became the father of four children: James L., Georgie M., Rex and Nellie. Mrs. Leeper holds a high position in the esteem of the residents of this county, and her host of warm friends hope that she may be spared to them for many years. Like her husband, she is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and endeavors in her everyday life to carry out the teachings of the Holy Writ.

At his death, Dr. Leeper left a valuable estate, comprising one hundred and ninety acres, and which is one of the finest farms in the township, containing many substantial improvements, an attractive residence, and all the modern conveniences in the way of farm buildings. His fame and popularity as a physician extended beyond the limits of the county, and his genial, cordial manners gained for him the friendship of all who were associated with him, whether in business or social life. He was self-made in the truest sense of that term, and we take pleasure in placing before our readers a sketch of so worthy a gentleman.

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